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**Hopeful** Indications.

The selection of Mr. GEORGE D. HER-BERT, for years resident secretary of the late regular Democratic State committee, as editorial secretary of the "re-organized" State committee, gives hopeful promise that other questions than the opinions, importance and declarations of Mr. A. MITCHELL PALMER, Mr. GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, Mr. VANCE C. MCCORMICK OF the whereabouts of Mr. JAMES I. BLAKES-LIE, will be allowed to enter in the coming campaign. Taken all together matters are brightening up for the Democracy of the State, as well as for a much needed rest for the "mouths of these self-confident great men."

Democratic people of the State that "re- measured these trees before, instead of place for coasting. power to name their own committees, uring them afterward.

#### Students High School as News-Writers.

"The Benefits of a Public Library for Bellefonte," "Beautifying Bellefonte," "Necessary Improvements in Bellefonte," and "The Preservation of Forests in Centre County," are the topics discussed this week by High school Students in the Geo. R. Meek news writing contest. Read the following articles and see how the young people express themselves:

County.

BY HUGH QUIGLEY.

once magnificent forests.

in the State Game Preserves,

Therefore as good citizens let us all

Bellefonte.

BY MARY RANKIN.

would be free to all. The library

## BY RUBY EBERHART.

The preservation of forests is such an Bellefonte, even in its present condiimportant question that not only the tion is a very beautiful town. We have United States but each State in the Union | many things which add much to its beauhas taken it up and made stringent laws ty, among them being the spring and our protecting trees of all kinds. Why, there. beautiful trees. There is, however, room fore, shouldn't the citizens of Centre for many improvements, and we will sugcounty pay some attention to this vastly gest several that could and should be important subject? It is their duty to made.

The first improvement that we will encourage the replanting of trees and the preservation of what is left of our take up is, that Bellefonte should have paved streets. Other towns smaller and less progressive have them, and surely One of the most destructive features of forests is the loss of trees by fire. The we are not behind the times. This would citizens of this county can help materially add much to the appearance of our town. by aiding the state foresters who are con. They are better and, in the long run, tinually on the watch for fires. Thought. cheaper than ordinary roads.

lessly and sometimes maliciously men In talking about paved streets another traveling in the woods throw lighted very important thing presents itself, and matches, cigar and cigarette stubs, or hot that is trees. Many persons believe that ashes from pipes on the ground, which if we have paved streets we would have very often result in serious fires. to destroy all the trees along the streets: Stringent laws have been passed making but this would not be necessary. If a it a crime to do this. When camping space of from three to six feet was left parties are given permits to locate on between the sidewalk and the curb, we State lands, they are required to enter would have ample room for all the trees into an agreement in which they consent we wanted. A law should be enacted not to make open camp fires except in a and enforced that trees must be planted hole or pit one foot deep, and every camp in this space. In a few years our streets fire or other open fire must be complete- would have the appearance of a country ly extinguished before the last member lane. of the party using it leaves the locality.

Another valuable addition to our town Anyone violating these laws will be sub. would be the making of a park around ject to immediate arrest without a war. our beautiful spring. This park, of rant and will be denied all future privi. course, could not be very large, but leges of camping, hunting or fishing with. enough land could be secured to give to the spring a much better background We furthermore believe that if the citi. than it has at the present time. By the zens of Centre county would plant trees planting of flowers and trees we could whenever a chance is afforded, this town soon have a small, attractive park.

and the other towns of this section would The last improvement that we wish to ----Chairman-elect GUTHRIE has an- be made many times more beautiful. And bring before you at this time is, the obnounced the appointment of his executive if the saw mills and lumber companies taining of a tract of land in a location to committee, his finance committee, his would take some interest in trees and not be used as a public playground. All campaign committee, his advisory com- cut down any young saplings which they material for outdoor sports, such as mittee, his congressional district com- have no real need of, our woods would swimming, should be provided, and a mittee, his division committee and the not diminish so quickly and hence the competent person, or persons, placed in Lord only knows the names of all the price of lumber would not be so high. In charge. If we saw fit, a small tract of other different committees HE has created wandering through the woods we have land a few feet square could be given to and chosen. We presume it will now be been greatly distressed by seeing large each child to plant vegetables, or flowers, in order for him to take a short rest and quantities of trees chopped off and left as he or she should desire. For the winwrite a long letter setting forth to the lying around. Why couldn't they have ter there should be a skating rink and a

organization" was necessary to place the ruthlessly cutting them down and meas- You may say that all of these necessatheir party managers, representatives and The gradual extinction of the forests time and money. The money would spokesmen in the hands of the Demo- in this country is a calamity. Where likely be obtained from the borough Kathryn A. Schreck, was born at Lemont on the 8:46 train to headquarters for promises to support any such a wrong. cratic voters, and that this has been done there were once pathless forests of big treasury and from private subscription. on March 13th, 1862, making her age 50 further instructions and Butler mounted I hope Mr. Foster will have the cour-

ECKENROTH .- On Friday evening of GRAMLEY .- Mrs. Catharine Gramley, last week Charles Eckenroth, an old and widow of the late Samuel Gramley, died well known resident of Bellefonte, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lydia at his home on Howard street after sev- Haines, in Rebersburg, on Wednesday eral months illness as the result of his morning. She was born in Snyder counadvanced age. ty and was seventy-eight years of age. Deceased was born at Williamsburg, She was twice married, her first hus-Blair county in 1837, hence was seventy- band being Mr. Ocker and of their chil-

five years old. He came to Centre coun- dren the following survive: George ty when a young man and worked at va- Ocker, of Lewisburg; Jackson, of Illinois; rious occupations until the breaking out Thomas, of Rebersburg; Mrs. Mary WATCHMAN I noticed an article stating of the Civil war when he enlisted for the Hartman, of New York, and Mrs. Haines, that the "Progressive" Democratic State The Preservation of Forests in Centre Necessary Improvements in Bellefonte. three months service in Company H, of Rebersburg. Burial will be made at committee was sending out letters ask-Seventh Pennsylvania infantry, being one Rebersburg tomorrow. of the first men to enlist in Centre coun-1

ty. Instead of three months he served constable in the North ward. He was an ial being made in the Birmingham cem- Democratic Legislative caucus. unassuming citizen but a man who al- etery. ways enjoyed the confidence and esteem

of all who knew him.

sisters: Mrs. Edward Osmer and Mrs. for \$16.000. This the company deemed session of the Legislature. Joseph Miller, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Joseph away beyond all reason, and efforts were At the primaries, I voted for the whole Pleasant Gap.

of Centre Hall, had charge of the servic- with the Centre county court in the sum es, assisted by Mr. Traub, who is supply- of \$10,000, which amount is claimed to ing the pulpit in the Lutheran church at be amply sufficient to cover any damages this place. Burial was made in the Un- to the Butler property. Having done this ion cemetery.

er. of Lewistown.

Saturday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Robert Moore, in Philipsburg,

She was a member of the Church of

# Our Correspondents' Opinions.

This column is at the service of those of our people who desire to express their views on any subject of general or local interest. The "Watchman" will in no way be responsible for their ideas or state-ments. The real name of the author must accom-pany all communications, but will be withheld from publication when the request is made.

### Regarding Democratic Platform Pledges.

CENTRE HALL, PA., July 30th, 1912. Editor Watchman:-In last Friday's ing Democratic candidates for the Sen-

ate and Legislature to sign and mail, to POLLICE .-- Mrs. Sarah Love Pollice died the secretary of that committee, a pledge with that regiment until March, 1862, at her home at Birmingham, Blair coun- to endorse and support every promise when he re-enlisted in Company C, For- ty, on Tuesday morning, after suffering made in the Democratic State platform, ty-ninth regiment. In January, 1863, he for three years with cancer. She was one of which is opposition to any approwas transferred to Company G of the born at Scotia, this county, and was 38 priation for charities, except to institusame regiment and on February 6th of years, 1 month and 12 days old. Surviv- tions absolutely under State control. Are the same year he was discharged for dis- ing her are her husband and three chil- you sure you are correct in this stateabilities. He returned home and soon dren. She was a member of the Presby- ment? If you are, and the Democratic after located in Bellefonte. For a num- terian church and Rev. J. R. Woodcock candidates are foolish enough to make ber of years he was engaged in the mer- had charge of the funeral services which such a pledge, I doubt if enough of them cantile business and of late years he was were held on Wednesday afternoon, bur- will be elected to justify the holding of a

I have not seen our candidate-Mr. Foster-since his nomination for that po-

BURDINE BUTLER VS. RAILROAD COM- sition, but feel confident that he is a man He was twice married, his first wife be- PANY .- A regular tug-o'-war took place of too much good sense to make any such ing Miss Precilla Peters, who died in between Burdine Butler and A. L. Ander- foolish pledge. If he will accept my ad-1896. In 1898 he was united in marriage son & Co's crew of laborers at the Butler vice he will, at once, publicly disavow to Mrs. Elizabeth Kerlin, who survives farm near Howard last Friday. As stated any purpose of the kind. The man who with three children by his first wife, in last week's paper there has been diffi- goes to Harrisburg to represent this counnamely: Mrs. William H. Baird, of State culty between Mr. Butler and the rail- ty is expected to do what he can for College; Edward J. Eckenroth, of Belle- road company over a right of way through charities, like the Bellefonte hospital, and fonte, and Frank B., of Sunbury. He his farm. The owner refused to give a if he won't do so he has no business to also leaves the following brothers and right of way but offered to sell his farm ask to represent the county during the

Tressler, of Pleasant Gap; Thomas Eck- made to reach an amicable settlement. progressive or re-organization ticket; for enroth, of Unionville, and James, of In the meantime the contractors, who Mr. Foster among the rest of the candihave the contract for changing the route dates, because I understood him to sym-For many years Mr. Eckenroth had of the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, worked pathize with, and be favorable to their been an active member of Gregg Post, right up to the Butler farm line then were policies, but I am free to confess that if No. 95, and filled various offices with care compelled to lay off pending negotiations. I had had any idea that any such wrong and fidelity. That organization had Not being able to come to a satisfactory was even thought of or contemplated my charge of the funeral which was held on settlement the railroad company through vote would have been entirely different. Tuesday morning. Rev. Fred W. Barry, their attorney last Thursday filed a bond You may publish this if you wish.

AN OLD-TIME DEMOCRAT.

STATE COLLEGE, July 30th, 1912. Editor Watchman:-I read with surthe engineers were ordered to go ahead prise your statement of last week, about Those from a distance who attended with the staking out of the right of way, the pledge that is being asked of Demothe funeral of Mr. Eckenroth were: Rev. etc., through the property so that the cratic candidates for the Legislature, not George Weish and his father, of York; contractors could go ahead with the actual to vote for any appropriation for charity, Herbert Kerlin, of New York city, a son work. Butler was engaged in cutting a except such as go to "purely State conof Mrs. Eckenroth; Richard Shatzer, crop of hay in the particular field into trolled" institutions, and wondered if our Mrs. John Shatzer, and Miss Loa Shatz- which they attempted to enter last Fri- Democratic leaders have gone clear daft day afternoon and when the contractors or are working in the interest of the Resent their men over the line with ties and publicans. Surely they do not expect to LUCAS. - Mrs. Kathryn Alice Lucas, rails to lay a track for a "dinky" road, elect men pledged to vote against their widow of the late John W. Lucas, died on Butler promptly proceeded to eject them. own local people and local charities, as As fast as the ties and rails were laid he such a pledge would compel them to do. removed them, using such successful I have talked to a number of good Demafter being a constant sufferer for eight tactics that the company finally withdrew ocrats about this matter since you called ry improvements would take too much years with a complication of diseases. their forces. The same thing occurred attention to it, and have not found a Deceased, whose maiden name was Saturday morning. The engineers left single one who will vote for any man who

age to let the people of the county know just where he stands on this proposition, On Monday morning the railroad of- and assure him that if he desires to be ficials were again on the scene of the con- elected he had better do so, and the Let us all then take an active part in April 16th. Her husband died several troversy and insisted upon Mr. Butler quicker he does it, the better for his right of way. He then stated that he A FRIEND OF THE BELLEFONTE HOSPITAL. told to go ahead and cut the hay and he BELLEFONTE WENT DRY .- With a spring would not be interfered with, but he met flowing 14,600 gallons of water a minute this assertion with the argument that he Bellefonte went dry on Monday and had no horses with which to do the work. many residents of the town actually suf-Thereupon the contractors took one of fered with thirst. This was because the their teams, hitched to the mower and water had to be turned out of the large twelve inch main on Water street on ac-On Saturday, however, Butler tore count of a big leak in the feed pipe lead-On Monday the railroad company, water came from a spring that had been was made that there was a big leak in that locality. In order to find it and re-----One morning last week when pair the same it was necessary to turn butcher L. H. Gettig got out of bed he the water out of the main. This was discovered one or two panels of his gar- done in the belief that there was enough den fence lying on the ground. An in- in the reservoir to last until the leak was vestigation disclosed the fact that it had repaired, but it didn't last an hour, and been laid flat through collision with an consequently the most of the town was automobile. Later in the day a carpenter dry until late in the afternoon. The reappeared from some mysterious place pairing of the leak, however, will likely WOOMER-ADAMS .-- On Thursday evencourse it was likely the man who drove ing of last week a quiet wedding took tion, and Mr. Gettig is now puzzling over parties being their son, Charles Cicero Woomer, and Miss Sarah Jane Adams, a former Milesburg young lady. The cere--The big Baileyville picnic will be mony was performed by Rev. T. P. Orner,

to "the queen's taste," now that he has taken charge and has acted for them.

#### ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS

----Company L, of the Twelfth regiment N.G.P., returned on Tuesday night from their ten day's camp at Gettysburg; the soldiers looking as brown as their uniforms but all in good health.

-Ex-sheriff W. E. Hurley, who has trees along their public streets and high charge of the work of remodeling the ways. Nittany valley road, states that he has all join with the authorities in doing what the men and teams he can handle, owing we can toward the preservation of the to the fact that the delivery of stone is forests, especially in our own county. limited to two or three cars a day. They now have almost two miles and a half of The Benefits of a Public Library for road built and he considers that pretty fair work. Mr. Hurley states that he turns down applicants for work every day.

One of tht best things for Bellefonte -----There will be no Centre---Clinton would be a public library. It would incounty business men's picnic this year. deed help us to finish our education in This was decided upon recently by sumany ways. First, in studying about perintendent W. H. Gephart who avers foreign countries, that is, the people who that because of the increased cost for would like to travel abroad and have not cars sufficient to handle the crowd the the means, could go to a public library expense is greater than the revenue. Mr. and read such books as "Holmes Trav-Gephart in a letter to J. Will Conley, elouges" and "Stoddard's Lectures," secretary of the picnic association, claims which are very interesting. Reference that the railroad company lost money books on different subjects would greatlast year and that they are not willing to ly help the people of this town who are put up the usual bonus to defray the ex- interested in philosophy, engineering, pense of the picnic and then run the science and biography. Most of our chance of getting it back from the at- great men have been biographers and tendance. The decision not to have a why not follow their example. Science picnic is cause for sincere regret, not is one of the popular studies of the age. merely because it will do away with that Take astrology (or astronomy as it is gathering but because of the severance now called) which is a branch of science, of business and social ties that have how many new planets and stars have bound Centre and Clinton county resibeen discovered during the last age? Our dents the past dozen years through the town would take a greater interest in medium of this picnic. these things if we only had books to study about them. The magazines, too,

-----Camping out is very delightful at this season of the year but it also has its drawbacks. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Blair zine and this would help the poor peoand a party of friends spent ten days in ple who perhaps only read old ones, and camp on Fishing creek and while they sometimes don't have any at all, and had a delightful time they were somecannot afford to buy them. what nervous over the appearance of what nervous over the appearance of rattlesnakes in close proximity to their tent. Mrs. George P. Bible, Mrs. Blair's mother, was sitting outside the tent one day when she heard a noise which she supposed was a locust singing. Some minutes later one of the men in the party Bible. How long the reptile had been there is hard to tell but it was its rattling Mrs. Bible mistook for a locust. The snake was killed, and a day or so later another rattler was discovered not far from the tent and it was also dispatched. So that it is evident that the snake business is one of the things that keep camp life along Fishing creek from becoming

nere are a lot of bushes and As to the time, it would take several saplings, and as soon as these saplings vears, but if these improvements were acquire a suitable size they are cut up for made there would not be one of us who ception of two years spent in Philadelphia mber. There are only a few old trees

left in the woods, these being too decay-ed for use. Why can't people build their houses, barns and other buildings out of would regret the money or time spent. cement which is cheaper and practically at the end of five or ten years, a town fireproof, or even out of stone, for the sake of the rapidly dwindling woodlands. whose fame for beauty will spread far To illustrate what it has come to, the and wide and lead other towns to follow towns and cities are authorized by the

in our footsteps. State to compel the planting of shade

# Beautifying Bellefonte.

BY REBECCA FLEMING.

insburg.

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We, the people of Bellefonte do not seem to appreciate the meaning of that Christ and a woman whose many pleasword. What does the word Bellefonte ing qualities endeared her to all who really mean? Let us stop and see. Bellefonte was named by a French- at the Moore home in Philipsburg on

man from the "Beautiful Fountain" Monday evening and Tuesday morning which lies in our midst. Our town be- the remains were taken to Lock Haven sides boasting of the beautiful spring can | for burial. also boast of its many beautiful buildings, which for a town of its size can surpass GUMMO. - William Gummo, an exany other of its own rank. There are so county commissioner of Clinton county, many ways of improving our town that died at his home near Beech Creek at we will endeavor to put them before the noon last Saturday following a stroke of eyes of the public. Among them are the apoplexy on Thursday night of last week. city steam heat and gas plant, which lies He was born near Beech Creek on Denear the residential section of our town, cember 23rd, 1841, hence at his death the gas fumes, which are very annoying was 70 years, 7 months and 4 days old. to the residents in that part of the town, He was a farmer by occupation and his and the black smoke, which comes from these works, have made the beautiful one mile of where he was born. In adhomes very dirty. And we people should dition to serving as county commissionsee that these works, that are harmful to er he filled almost every township office the health of the people and beauty of in his election district. He was also a the buildings, should be removed to the director in the Sugar Valley insurance outskirts of the town. The lumber yard company and the Clinton Trust compa-and replaced the fence as good as new, give better service in the future. which joins the spring, is an eyesore to ny, of Lock Haven. He is survived by the people of the community. The lum- his wife and the following children: Mrs. ber could be removed and the land could C. D. Getz, of Lock Haven; Mrs. William be made into a beautiful park by fixing Glossner, at home; Richard, of Clintonup the ground and planting shade trees dale; Mrs. Clarence Robb, of Howard: he failed to leave any marks of identifica- Woomer, in Tyrone, the contracting would be beneficial because a public liaround it, and could be then attached to Myron, of near Beech Creek, and James, brary always has every up-to-date magaour beautiful spring.

By doing this it would add much to the day afternoon, burial being made in the appearance of our spring and also of the Fearon cemetery. whole town. The bill-boards which one

sees on entering the town or borough and also the ones that are built within the town add nothing whatever to the good of the town. Many lectures have the time which they should be using to been given on this subject, but the peoimprove their minds, they are gossiping about their neighbors. Of course there would be fiction, and ple do not seem to take good advice. These boards help to hide a great amount happened along and discovered a huge the books by good authors, which the of filth and dirt which is stored behind the book stores sell at a dollar and a half them; and if we had a Board of Health them; and if we had a Board of Health that that would look into such things this as been lately installed in the Y. M. C. A. is very good but the room is not large enough, and as it belongs only to the members of the book club, it is used by the second seco everybody spoke of the improvement it made. For a time it was swept each day We feel that since Bellefonte has wakand kept clean, but as the winter came ened up enough to organize a Civic Club, Parent Teachers' Association, elect wom-en to the school board, build a swimming on they neglected it and now it is covered with filth and dirt. In these ways and many others our town could be improved pool, along with various other improve-ments, the next thing should be a public proved

and then we would carry out the mean ing implied in the word—Bellefonte.

years, 4 months and 14 days. his mower and proceeded with his intersided at Lemont all her life with the ex. rupted work. and her residence in Philipsburg since

this movement and see if we cannot have, years ago but surviving her are four chil- giving his reasons for refusing them a chances. dren, namely: Alpine Lucas, of Philadelphia; Ralph, Samuel and Mrs. Roxy didn't want his hay crop spoiled. He was Ralston, of Milesburg. She also leaves two brothers and three sisters, as follows: John Schreck, of Vintondale; Mrs. Felix Ludwig, of Ebensburg; William Schreck, of Lemont; Mrs. Alfred Rishel, Bellefonte, and Mrs. Robert Moore, of Philstarted in to make Mr. Butler's hay.

> down a number of trespass signs the rail- ing into the Bush Arcade. For weeks road company put up and he was ar- past it has been hard work for the Water knew her. Funeral services were held rested for doing so. He was given a department to supply water to the highhearing before 'Squire Henry Brown, in er streets of the town and then there this place Tuesday evening, and at that never was any pressure. During the time signed a paper agreeing hereafter same length of time water poured not to interfere in any way whatever through the retaining wall of south with the company or its property, and Water street opposite the WATCHMAN ofthus the whole affair has been settled. fice. It was the belief of many that this through their attorney, filed a bond in filled up when the Arcade was built, but the sum of \$3,000 to indemnify Robert on Monday borough engineer J. H. Wet-Cooke Jr., for whatever damages he may zel decided to investigate. A trench was be entitled to for going through his prop- dug in Water street and the discovery

entire life was spent within a radius of but he could not be persuaded to tell who employed him to do the job. Of who it was.

held at Beaver Dam park, Baileyville, on of the United Brethren church. The

home in Hollidaysburg on Monday morn. of the county, as several thousand peoing. She was taken ill on Saturday even. ple from the surrounding community are ing while attending a reception but her always in attendance. The committee in illness was not considered serious until charge are preparing a lengthy program Sunday night. She was sixty-nine years of sports and amusements for this year

> -Last Sunday Wm. Groh Runkle drove over to his family home in Potter township, and from there took his mother, who is eighty-two years old, for an auto ride to Lock Haven to visit her daughter. When it is considered that it was a thirty-five mile trip for so old a lady it seems remarkable, yet she enjoyed every moment of the drive and suffered no ill effects from it.

IRWIN.-Miss Annie M. Irwin, a native Saturday, August 17th. This is always young couple will make their home in of Bellefonte, died quite suddenly at her the biggest event of the year in that end Tyrone where Mr. Woomer has a good position in the paper mill.

> PICNICS AT HECLA PARK .- In addition to the regular Friday afternoon and evening concerts at Hecla park the following picnics will be held there during July and August:

August 3rd, Lamar Sunday school August 7th, Mackeyville Sunday school. August 8th, Salona Sunday school. August 15th, United Brethren Sunday sch

August 28th, Altoona Erecting shops.

FARMERS INSTITUTES .- Will be held in Centre county during the coming year,

as announced by the director, at

life was spent in Hollidaysburg. Her only near relative is one brother, William Irwin, living in New York city. She was

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of age and was born in Bellefonte, being and a great gathering is anticipated. a daughter of Lot and Charlotte Irwin. She was a music teacher and most of her

a faithful member of the Presbyterian church and her remains were buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Hollidays-

burg on Wednesday.

at home. The funeral was held on Tues-