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### DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

Notice is hereby given to the democratic voters of Centre county, to meet at the regular places for holding the general election, in their respective election districts, on Saturday, the 8th day of June, 1895, and elect delegates to the County Convention. Said election to begin at 3 o'clock, p. m., and close at 7 o'clock, p. m. of said day. The delegates chosen at the above stated time will meet at the court house, in Bellefonte, on Tuesday, June 11th, at 12 o'clock noon, and nominate one candidate for Prothonotary, and a candidate for District Attorney. It will be necessary to elect a chairman of the county committee to serve from January first, 1896, for the term of one year, at the time of holding said convention.

The number of delegates that each election district is entitled to under the rules of the party, based upon the vote for governor in 1894, and as appointed by the county committee, is as follows:

Bellefonte, N. W. 2	Haines, E. P. 1
" " S. W. 1	" " S. W. 1
" " W. W. 1	Hallmoon 1
Centre Hall 1	Harris 1
Howard bro. 1	Howard 1
Milesburg 1	Huston 1
Millheim 1	Liberty 1
Philipsburg 1st W. 1	Marion 1
" 2nd W. 1	" " 1
" 3rd W. 1	" " 1
South Philipsburg 1	Patton 1
Unionville 1	" " 1
Benner, N. P. 1	Penn 1
Boggs, N. P. 1	Potter, N. P. 1
" " E. P. 1	" " S. P. 1
Burnside 1	Rush, N. P. 1
College, E. P. 1	" " S. P. 1
" " W. P. 1	Snow Slope, E. P. 1
Curtin 1	" " W. P. 1
Ferguson, E. P. 1	Spring, N. P. 1
" " W. P. 1	" " S. P. 1
Gregg, N. P. 1	Taylor 1
" " E. P. 1	Union 1
" " W. P. 1	Walker 1
	Worth 1

H. S. TAYLOR, Secretary. N. B. SPANGLER, Chairman.

### WELCOME.

Bellefonte is in holiday attire. Beautiful arches decorated with evergreens, patriotic colors and designs span all the important streets of the town. Along Allegheny and High streets, especially, there is a lavish display of decorations on the stately business blocks and handsome residences; bunting, flags, streamers, emblems, elaborate paintings and portraits of America's heroes adorn the buildings. The town has been decorated by artists and adepts, the like of which was never seen before in this section.

To the visiting firemen and all others Bellefonte to-day extends her warmest greetings and most hearty welcome. Our people have spared neither time, labor or money in preparing for this event; now we surrender the town and its famous hospitality to the entertainment of our guests and the proper observance of our centennial holiday.

To one and all, Bellefonte again says: "Welcome."

QUAY sat all over Gov. Hastings last week, and there will be no apportionment bills passed in consequence.

QUAY continues as the big boss in Pennsylvania. Hastings' presidential boom has suffered slightly.

BELLEFONTE is celebrating her 100 anniversary. She may be quite advanced in years, but that does not necessarily imply that she is so very slow.

ALMOST every week it becomes necessary for our republican county papers to offer some sort of an apology for the course of Representative Curtin, at Harrisburg. We always did look upon him as a standing excuse and highly unfit to represent this county at the State Capitol. His record at Harrisburg has simply been that of a tool for politicians and schemers. Personally we always admired the gentleman, but as a representative he has proven a lamentable failure.

Messrs. Samuel Taylor and J. A. Finkbinder have prepared an elegant souvenir containing elegant views of Bellefonte and her principal industries. The work is being sold for 50 cents.

Bellefonte is crowded with visitors, many of them being former residents, living in distant climes who have taken this opportunity to pay old friends and scenes a visit.

Mr. James S. Kent, of Grand Junction, Col., arrived in Bellefonte on Monday, coming here to witness our centennial celebration. Mr. Kent is an old resident, as well as a native of this county.

### Special Bargains.

Figured China silk 20 cents a yard, and striped wash silk 30 cents a yard, at LYON & CO.

## VALUABLE DOCUMENTS.

### THE ORIGINAL PLAN OF BELLEFONTE.

As Made by James Harris and James Dunlop, in an Excellent State of Preservation—Sales of the First Town Lots and Prices Paid—Interesting Extracts.

In previous sketches published in the DEMOCRAT, extracts from Hon. John B. Linn's History of Centre county, we gave an outline of the founding of Bellefonte Borough in 1795 by Messrs. James Dunlop and James Harris. This week it was our privilege to see the original documents, the plan of the



boro, also the record of sale of the lots, price, etc., all of which are in an excellent state of preservation and over 100 years old. These valuable papers are now in the possession of J. D. Shugert, cashier of Centre County's Banking Company.

James Dunlop was a great-grandfather of Mr. Shugert, and these papers have been preserved with jealous care by this family, which took such a prominent part in the early affairs of our town and who has been conspicuously identified with prominent business interests ever since.

By way of introduction, it is in order to mention that Wm. Dunlop, who was a ruling elder in the Presbytery of Tyrone, in Ireland, as early as 1712, came to this country in 1762 and located at Shippensburg, Pa. His son, James Dunlop, who came with him, was born in 1727. In the revolutionary struggles of 1776 James Dunlop took an active part. On Jan. 4, 1776, he enlisted in a battalion authorized by congress. Jan. 10, of the same year, he was commissioned major-general. In that year he took an active part in the campaign and expedition to Canada. October 25 he was promoted to colonel of the 10th Penna. Regiment; Oct. 2, 1779, appointed Lieutenant of Cumberland county; Oct. 28, 1781, was commissioned a justice of the common pleas of that district. In 1794, accompanied by James Harris, his son-in-law, they came to Centre county, and in 1795 they laid out the original plot of Bellefonte Borough upon the Griffith Gibbon warrantee. From this brief sketch it will be inferred that James Dunlop was a man of considerable ability and force of character. He was of the famous Scotch-Irish extraction and a consistent Presbyterian, which people were the early founders and settlers of this borough to this day are among the prominent, active business men of the town.

Nearly all the deeds, patents for land and transfers of property, on which Bellefonte is located, are now in the possession of Mr. Shugert. The original plot of Bellefonte is in an excellent state of preservation. Dunlop and Harris were competent surveyors and their draft or plot of Bellefonte is a splendid piece of pen work in India ink, clean, clear and as distinct as when made. It was from this plot, made in 1795, that the boro was laid out, lots numbered and sold.

Another very interesting document was shown. It is a duplicate record or account book, corresponding with this draft. It is covered with parchment and exceedingly well preserved. It is carefully arranged in tabulated form, is a complete record of the sale of each lot—the amount paid, the original purchaser, date of sale and how the funds were distributed. When the town lots were sold the proprietors agreed to appropriate one-fourth of the gross receipts to the erection of county buildings, one-fourth to be appropriated for the benefit of the Bellefonte Academy, which at that time was the only school

in the town. The remaining funds were kept by the proprietors, Dunlop & Harris. Thus we see that these men were firm believers in the importance of educating their children by making this wise provision.

By the act of March, 1814, Bellefonte was incorporated. And in this same account book, at the end, we saw the receipt of the county commissioners, Joseph B. Shugert and John Benner, for \$2,717.04, the balance due the county on sale of lots at their final settlement. From this record it is learned that Dunlop and Harris donated the following property for public purposes: Court house and jail plot and cemetery. The lot known as the John Potter residence, High street, north of the court house, was given for a prison house; the Presbyterian church; also lot on Spring street for a Presbyterian parsonage was presented to Rev. Henry Wil-

son, the first pastor in Bellefonte. John Dunlop also presented the lot, extending from D. Garman's corner residence on High street to Spring street, to Mr. Petriken, who named a son John Dunlop Petriken.



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To show what the original prices were paid for town lots, the following extracts are made:

Centre County Bank corner lot, sold in 1796 to Mr. Petriken for \$25.

On the opposite corner James Dunlop built the first house in Bellefonte, on lot No. 33, now occupied by Jacob Valentine as a residence. The first courts were held in this house in 1801. An addition on the west side has been added, but the original portion of the building is still in a good state of preservation.

The Reynolds lot, across the street, was sold to Geo. McKee, who conveyed the same to his brother, Adam McKee, in 1796; consideration, \$48. An abatement of \$20 was made on account of immediate improvements—the erection of a stone building, used as a hotel. This building was torn away about twenty-five years ago, and in its place



Jacob Valentine Residence, High street, first house in Bellefonte, still standing.

was a dressed stone plainly marked 1797, the date of erection.

The Gov. Curtin residence lot was sold to James Hutchinson June, 1799, for \$48.

The Benner lot, on the Diamond, sold to Geo. Williams for \$120.

The lot on which the Brokerhoff House now stands was sold in 1796 to Wm. McClure for \$40.

Reynolds' Bank and Temple Court, one lot, sold to Philip Benner and Robt. T. Stewart, in 1801, for \$100.

Cridler's Exchange and First National Bank lot, sold to Benjamin Patton for \$40.

Curtin Property, opposite side of the street, sold to James Ferguson, 1798, for \$40. Conveyed in 1806 to Roland Curtin.

Lots No. 4 and 5 on Spring street

were sold to Jonathan Walker, a distinguished citizen.

Gen. Hastings property, sold to Jessie Cookson, four lots, at \$65 each in 1807. This property at one time was well known as the Red Lion Hotel, and for many years was kept by Major Armor, a man of military fame.

Thus we could go over the entire town and cite the prices and purchasers and early settlers from this old document in Mr. Shugert's possession. Mr. Shugert has an excellent pen and ink sketch of James Dunlop, which represents him as a man of commanding appearance, with intelligent face and strong expression of character.

They also have many handsome relics used by James Dunlop's family that are over 100 years old. Among these are some very fine china ware, heavy silver candelabra that were used to entertain Lafayette and other dignitaries,



an old oak rocking chair and other articles that have historical value.

### RELIC EXHIBIT.

One of the most interesting features of Bellefonte's Centennial Anniversary is the Relic Exhibition in the Stone School House building, on Allegheny street. The ladies in charge of this department have been busy for the past month gathering up all forms of articles of historical interest and that are appropriate for an exhibit on such an occasion.

The efforts of the ladies have been crowned with success. On Tuesday the writer paid a visit to the school building and a surprise was in store. At least a dozen ladies were busily engaged receiving and marking relics of all descriptions imaginable.

At this writing over seven hundred contributions have been made, many of which are very costly in themselves, while others are of rare historical value. The entire first floor of the school building, four large rooms, are crowded with relics.



The portrait gallery, in which there are over one hundred portraits of prominent citizens, is worthy of special mention. Many of them are costly oil paintings, and some executed by famous artists. There are good likenesses of all the prominent early settlers; also several good views of Old Bellefonte, when there were but a few buildings in the town.

A British battle flag, captured at the battle of Monmouth, deserves especial mention. The Misses Benners have contributed many interesting relics, pieces of household furniture used by their ancestors more than a hundred years ago. There are many old letters, commissions and other articles of interest connected with the early history of the town to be found in the east room of the building. There are collections of rare china, pottery, clocks,

furniture, screens, needle work, jewelry, tapestry, old books, bridal costumes, account books and many other articles that are worthy of special mention. This relic exhibition is alone worth a trip to Bellefonte and everybody should make it a point to see the same. An admission fee of ten cents will be charged, which is intended to defray the necessary expense incurred in arranging this affair.

HON. THOMAS BURNSIDE.

Hon. Thos. Burnside was one of Bellefontes illustrious citizens. In February 1804 he came to Bellefonte as a young attorney. From the start he was a leader. He became prominent in politics, and soon was elected to the State Senate, then was sent to Congress. In 1823 he was chosen speaker of State Senate. January 1st, 1840, was commissioned Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, an office he filled with honor up to the date of his death.

The two cuts on this page were kindly furnished by the publishers of the Williamsport *Gr.*

### Centennial Notes.

The bicycle parade on Thursday evening promises to be a fine demonstration. Geo. Williams is looking after this feature.

The Temperance Society are arranging to have barrels with ice water and tin cups at every prominent corner for the accommodation of the thirsty, many of who otherwise would frequent the bar rooms. This is a commendable act.

The Central R. R. of Pa., and the Bellefonte Central have each contributed \$50 to the Centennial fund. This is liberality that is appreciated by our people.

The arches trimmed with evergreens will be out of sight—the evergreen part especially by Friday.

The gorgeous decorations of our stately buildings is beyond description. If you don't get enough centennial in this issue it is not our fault.

The ladies expect to turn the coffee cart into a movable lemonade stand. N. S. Bailey will be manager.

Fakirs of all descriptions are in town, and more are coming by every train. They are an interesting class, and each has a scheme. When you get ahead of a fakir you are a dandy.

### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES.

On Saturday afternoon next, June 8, the Democratic primaries throughout Centre county will be held at the respective polling places. While there is no contest on hand for the various offices, democrats should make it a point to be on hand and see that the same is duly held.

The following Tuesday the county convention meets in the court house at Bellefonte.

Chairman N. B. Spangler is especially anxious to see a full turnout of delegates and members of the party from every section of Centre county. This year it is necessary for our party to redeem itself from the terrible slump of last Fall.

We think the record of the past six months at Harrisburg is sufficient for all thoughtful people, and democrats especially, to make a stand in the direction of good government.

### Died at Stormstown.

Mrs. William L. Wilson died early Wednesday morning at her home in Stormstown after an illness of about two years from paralysis and other diseases. Born in Half Moon valley on the 21st of September 1825, she was 69 years, 8 months and 8 days old. Besides her husband, William L. Wilson, six sons and three daughters survive, namely: Robert A. of Tyrone, Benner of Half Moon, Harry L. of Altoona, John of Wisconsin, Isaac of South America, George of Colorado, and Misses Harriet E. Mary D. and Alice at the family home in Stormstown. Five brothers also survive George and John Gray of Half Moon valley, Samuel of Warriorsmark, and Miles and I. Vinton of Philipsburg.

### He Got Left.

A certain preacher in the Juniata valley not long since was called upon to marry a young couple. At the close of the ceremony the groom handed an envelope which he of course supposed contained the marriage fee, but was surprised on opening it to find a slip of paper on which was written: "We desire your prayers for our prosperity." We should judge that it would be at least fifteen minutes before the preacher would be in a proper mood for the devotional exercises requested.—Juniata *Tribune*.

—WANTED—At Lyon & Co's store, Bellefonte, 50,000 lbs of wool. tf.

### ROLL OF HONOR.

The following persons paid their subscriptions during the month of May. The date indicates when subscription expires:

Adam Ertle, Penn Hall	May 95
Wm. Yearick, Madisonburg	May 95
H. G. Kremer, Zhabersburg	Sept 95
A. L. Shaeffer, Zion	May 95
Henry Brown, Hublersburg	Jan 95
David Shaeffer, Madisonburg	Nov 95
Web Karstetter, Bellefonte	May 95
Israel Kaufman, Bellefonte	May 95
Henry Weber, Sunville	March 95
Frederick Houser, Houersville	May 95
A. E. Garberick, Zion	Apr 95
Lewis C Miller, Roland	May 95
E Confer, Roland	May 95
Wm Hoy, Bellefonte	Feb 95
D M Stover, Woodward	Feb 95
Geo W Rossman, Pleasant Gap	May 95
Ezra Smith, Bellefonte	Dec 95
H Zeigler, Linden Hall	Feb 95
R C Irvin, Roland	Aug 95
Howard Moore, Howard	Jan 95
O J Lucas, Roland	Jan 95
Daniel O'Neil, Roland	May 95
Emmanuel Garbrick, Zion	March 95
Wm T Markle, Mechanicsburg	June 95
Wesley Brown, Potosi, Ill.	Apr 95
Thos J Frazier, Rock Springs	June 95
N O Dreibeis, Pine Grove Mills	Nov 95
Jos Shaeffer, Nittany	June 95
B Gardner, Johnsonburg	Feb 95
Zeb Bathurst, Bellefonte	June 95
John M Homan, Pine Grove Mills	Apr 95
Samuel C Reed, Clearfield	March 95
Harvey Dunkle, Mingoville	Jan 95
J Tressler, Linden Hall	Jan 95
Ed B Roan, Bellefonte	Aug 95
W H Emerick, Pleasant Gap	June 95
C P McCalab, Nittany	Jan 95
John M Homan, Pine Grove Mills	Apr 95
Thos Taylor, Filmore	Feb 95
Geo M Taylor, Filmore	Feb 95
Henry Beck, Bellefonte	Jan 95
H M Lambert, Belleville, O.	Apr 95
Wm Ertle, Coburn	Apr 95
M H Grove, Bellefonte	Apr 95

### Weather Predictions.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm waves to cross the continent from June 2 to 6 and 8 to 12. The third disturbance of June will reach the Pacific coast about the 12th, cross the west of Rockies county by close of 13th, great central valleys 14th to 16th and eastern states about 17th.

This disturbance will occur during a cool period, and following it the weather will be unusually cool for this season of the year.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies county about the 12th, great central valleys 14th and eastern states 16th. Cool waves will cross the west of the Rockies county about 15th, great central valleys 17th and eastern states 19th. A cool wave is probable during the first week of June, which may bring light frosts along the northern border of the United States.

The first part of June, up to about the 19th, will average unusually cool as all the northern states and about average the 19th, will average unusually cool in all the northern states and about average in all the southern states, as indicated in previous bulletins, but will in the nine days—20th to 28th—will occur a remarkably hot wave followed during the last part of the month by a severe cool wave.

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A bicycle has been sent to Mrs. Cleveland, but it is not likely she will make any use of it just at present.

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## Your Shoe Bill

Is a big item of your expense. You can

## Reduce It

By trading with us. From baby to grandpa can find suitable

## Footwear

Here. We have all sizes, all styles, all prices—for all people. A very

## Special Thing

Is our Ladies' Button and Lace.

## Mingle's Store.

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