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Local Department.

Beautiful rain on Monday. Additional local on 6th page. School closes next Thursday. Lilies and honeysuckles are in bloom. The "bustle" in a newspaper office never goes out of style. A young lady in her new spring hat resembles a drum major. Our farmers are busy. Planting corn and potatoes now being in order. Twelve mills were burned in Elk county through the late forest fires. A band of gypsies passed through this place enroute for Lock Haven on Tuesday a. m. The small boy of Bellefonte is just chockfull of base ball, and the larger ones "chucker."

What a dude without a cane? asks an exchange. Just short the price of that coveted article, we suppose. Mr. J. M. Kepler, editor of the Forest Democrat, has been arrested for criminal libel by Wm. J. McConnell. Mr. Ellis L. Orvis, with a corps of surveyors are engaged in running lines in the regions of Beech Creek. Mr. Ham. Otto has opened a tobacco and cigar store in one of the store rooms in Mr. John Brackbill's new building on High street. Mr. J. D. Sourbeck has rented the circus tent belonging to the Geo. L. Potter Post at Milesburg, and will run a variety show during the encampment at this place. When two young ladies kiss each other they fulfill a gospel injunction. They are doing unto each other what they would that men should do unto them. Mr. Jno. R. Bartruff's new house on Water street will soon be completed. The yard is being terraced and sod is being laid all around it, which beautifies its appearance very much. Mr. Amos Garbrick now furnishes our citizens with an excellent quality of ice, and from a spick spanking new wagon, too. Amos is bound to keep up with the times. Harper & Weakly received a very handsome delivery wagon last week. On account of the bed being too small it was returned to the maker, Mr. John Fisher, to have a larger one made. The Health Journal says: "Do not put your clothes to one side yet." No, of course not; it would make one look too bulky on that side. Put them around you on both sides, back and front, and—well, what's wrong with that editor, anyhow? The term of "white elephant on your hands" will have to pass into history now, or have the meaning of the phrase changed to just the opposite of what it has been heretofore. Almost any one would like to have a white elephant on their hands just now. Mr. Jno. Hoffer is having a new fence built and the yard terraced in front of his residence on Logan street, thereby improving the appearance of it very much. We notice our wide-awake merchant, Mr. John Meese who lives next door to Mr. H. doing likewise.

Horrible Accident. DEATH OF LITTLE DORA BELLE SPICER. One of the most heart rending accidents that ever occurred in this community took place on water street Sunday afternoon at about 4 o'clock in which little three year old Dora Belle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Spicer lost her life. The circumstances attending this sad accident as near as can be ascertained are as follows. Almost immediately in the rear of the residence of Mr. Spicer is a very high and rocky eminence leading almost perpendicularly to the rear of the Presbyterian church, at the top of which several small boys were amusing themselves rolling stones down the steep declivity. Little Dora, in company with her brother, were out playing near an out building. The little boy asked them to stop throwing but the request was unheeded, and he removed his sister to a safer place inside the yard. A toy of some kind was left behind and Dora returned for it, and while in a stooping position a huge, cruel rock came rolling down, striking her on the head, inflicting a terrible wound just back of the ear. She was picked up and carried into the house in an unconscious condition, her life's blood flowing from the wounds. Dr. Hayes was summoned, but medical aid was of no avail, and in a few minutes after little Dora's spirit was with the angels. The anguish of the heart broken parents at the loss of their little household treasure can only be realized by those who have passed through a similar experience. The remains were interred in the Advent church yard, about two miles north of Milesburg, on Tuesday morning, the funeral procession leaving at 9 o'clock. The following is the verdict of the Coroner's jury: Centre County, S. S. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. An inquisition, taken at the residence of George Spicer in the borough of Bellefonte, the 19th day of May, 1884, before H. K. Hoy, Coroner of Centre County, upon view of the body of Dora Spicer, then and there lying dead, and upon the oaths respectively of Bartram Galbraith, D. Z. Kline, Daniel Garman, C. Derr, Thos. R. Hayes and Jonas Emel, six good and lawful men aforesaid, charged to inquire, on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, when, how and by what means the said Dora Spicer came to her death, do, upon their solemn oaths, say that appears from the evidence before us that her death was caused by being struck upon the head by a stone thrown or rolled down the hill in the rear of the Presbyterian Sabbath school building, causing fracture of the skull and almost instant death. This inquisition further present that they are unable to trace the throwing or rolling of the stone that struck this little girl to any particular boy, but are of no opinion that it was put in motion by one of a number of boys that were throwing or rolling stones down the hill when the accident occurred, and in view of this said death we earnestly request the proper authorities to rigidly enforce the ordinance prohibiting his common habit of throwing stones or other missiles within the limits of this borough. H. K. HOY, Coroner, B. GALBRAITH, Foreman, DANIEL GARMAN, D. Z. KLINE, C. DERR, THOS. R. HAYES, JONAS EMEL.

MEMORIAL SERMON.—According to subsequent announcement, the Rev. W. C. Kuhn of Pine Grove Mills preached the Memorial sermon on last Sabbath morning to a well crowded congregation in the Presbyterian church, services being conducted as union exercises. Rev. J. A. Koser offered the opening prayer. The members of Capt. J. C. Campbell Post, 272, G. A. R., occupied the front pews in middle block. The theme of his discourse was, "A Good Soldier," as found in 2d Tim., 2d chap. 3rd verse. Mr. Kuhn having been a soldier in the ranks of the late war, enabled him to dwell upon the subject from experience. But he now holds a higher commission as a good soldier of the cross in the ranks of King Emanuel as his commander. He begged leave to be excused from any personal remarks that he might make during his discourse, as to the confidence of the good soldier in his commander, whilst engaged in the strife and carnage of battle. HEADQUARTERS OF J. C. CAMPELL POST, 272, G. A. R. Be it Resolved, That we tender our sincere and heartfelt thanks to Rev. W. C. Kuhn for his service and eloquent manner in which he delivered the Memorial sermon on Sunday morning, May 18th. Also, our thanks to Rev. Koser for the interest he manifested in the exercises. Also, to the organist, Miss Laura Ross, for the faithful and successful performance of her part, and to the choir for the assistance in fulfilling the praise to God, and to the public in participating in the exercises. Hoping that unity and good fellowship may continue to exist between our Order and citizens, and that the lesson propounded to us on that occasion may ever remain bright in the memory of the good soldier. W. H. PAV, D. W. MILLEN, Adj. Com.

At the Altar.—Different rumors were afloat last week as to the real purport of our legal friend, Clement Dale, Esq.'s, visit to the Quaker city. It was whispered about that the most important event of his life would take place before returning: Nothing was certain, though, as everything was kept almost a profound secret. Although we "guessed," we were not sure until receiving the following card announcing the marriage. MARRIED.—In Philadelphia, on Thursday evening, May 16, 1884, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Stephen W. Dana, D. D., Clement Dale, of Bellefonte, Pa., to Sarah Davis, daughter of Benjamin Witt. CLEMENT DALE, SARAH DAVIS WITT. Mr. Dale is one of our able lawyers, an excellent citizen, and we congratulate the bride in securing so estimable a companion through life. All fresh canned goods, Harper & Weakly. Mr. W. E. Kepler of Philadelphia, who in company with Mr. Garman purchased the car load of beautiful Canadian horses offered for sale yesterday, met with a singular adventure in returning. Mr. Kepler remained with the train containing the car load of horses from Canada to this place. While asleep in the caboose near Buffalo he was awakened rather suddenly and under quite uncomfortable circumstances, a train from the rear having collided with the caboose in which he was sleeping, the engine crashing and tearing through the caboose, stopping so near him that by reaching out his hand he could touch the cowcatcher of the locomotive, and strange to say, although having been turned over several times and doubled up into different shapes, he escaped without a single scratch. The accident happened so suddenly that the conductor and flagman who saw the engine, but who so close that they barely had time to jump off to save their own lives, before the collision took place. We especially request that farmers that intend having their mowers, reapers, self-binders and other machinery repaired, to bring them to us as soon as possible, in order that all won't come once and hurry us too much. We will guarantee all work that we do. HICKS & GRIFFITH. We make a specialty of handling pure spices, Harper & Weakly. Strictly pure cider vinegar, Harper & Weakly. A rifle that shoots 31 times in 20 seconds, without reloading. The Evans Rifle will do it, and do it well. Send for catalogue of this and hundreds of other firearms. Great Western Gun Works, Pittsburgh, Pa. Not So Slow.—Twelve Dexter Queen bargies sold at Bartruff's Water street Carriage Works last week. The following letter explains itself. ST. LOUIS, May 17, 1884. EDITORS CENTRE DEMOCRAT.—Dear Sirs:—I see in the local news of your paper of May 8th an allusion to the Altoona base ball club, which lead me to write a few lines in justice to the club of a town so near my own. The Altoona club played splendid games in this city, and proved themselves to be made of good "stuff." When you take the fact into consideration that the two teams they played against on their western tour are the strongest clubs in the Union Association, and probably as strong as any team in the country, the St. Louis especially, you can no doubt see what odds the Altoona boys had to contend with. I witnessed two of the games, and one particularly I thought a very fine one, Altoona holding the score down to one in favor of St. Louis, when in the 8th inning the St. Louis nine bunched their hits and rolled up four more runs. I would like to see the old town of Bellefonte send out as good a team as Altoona has this year done, and if they come to St. Louis I will bet on Bellefonte winning. Yours Respectfully, J. LINN HARRIS. The Buckeye Platform Self Binder is the only one made. We sell it and guarantee it to give satisfaction. HICKS & GRIFFITH. PENN HALL ITEMS.—"Where is the Mountain Boy?" is the question asked. Some say he is dead. I shall answer the question by giving you my opinion, and consider it a shake. I am glad to see you all, especially good and generous correspondents, Jack Plain of the Millheim Journal. The grain looks very promising and a good harvest may be looked for. Every family in our small village is busily engaged in such as cleaning house, whitewashing and beautifying their homes. Messrs. J. W. Barges, S. W. Wendel, J. C. and Jno. P. Condo and wives spent Saturday afternoon at Centre Hall, stopping at Myer's Hotel for supper. The Penn Hall base ball club is getting ready to play Spring Mills club. Lock out, you boys, for breakers. Mr. Thomas Foster, one of the firm of Smith, Foster & Co., of Philadelphia, gave our town a short and friendly call last week. Jno. P. Condo is talking of purchasing himself a home in Lock Haven and making that his headquarters hereafter. The organ at the Reformed church was dedicated last Sabbath. Rev. Delong from Bellefonte, preached a very able sermon dwelling on the subject of music. "Midnight scenes on the Rhine are fashionable hereabouts." "Pull down the blind love, pull down the blind," etc., etc. MOUNTAIN BOY. Extra Sat T Harper & Weakly's.

ROLAND BOLLS.—The crops in this vicinity look well, and farmers expect an abundant harvest. Curtin & Co.'s Iron works are in full blast and the working class all have employment. The new railroad is said to be a lingering disease. "Bunk" says he would go offener if it wasn't for crossing that railroad bridge on dark nights. Rev. Hicks will hold a "service of song" in the M. E. church on Saturday evening May 31st, proceeds for the benefit of the M. E. Sunday school. The admittance will be but a trifling sum, and all lovers of music should avail themselves of this opportunity, as a pleasant time is anticipated. Miss Annie Sharp has opened a subscription school in the public school building and she is said to be succeeding well in teaching the young ideas how to shoot. Mr. Levi Dickson is lying very dangerously ill at his home in this place, the complaint being dyspepsia. He is being treated by Dr. Hensle of Howard, under whose care we hope he will soon recover. Decoration day will as usual be observed at this place, and under the leadership of Capt. Austin Curtin, will likely be a success. The music for the occasion will be rendered by the Eagle Cornet Band. W. T. Turner has closed his school and is now a student at Jersey City Business College. Will is a first rate fellow, and he is attending a good institution we have no doubt but that he will become a thorough business man. Our wish to him is success. Lantz Bros. laundry soaps, Harper & Weakly. ELECTION LAWS.—The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania recently rendered an important decision in the contested election case of Martin McDonough, who claimed his election to the office of Prothonotary of Lackawanna county. The opinion is by Justice Trunkley. The question as to the constitutionality of the act of 1874 is settled by the opinion in the affirmative. The Judge holds, reversing the court below, that if a vote offered by an unregistered voter has been received without compliance with the provisions of this act, it makes no difference whether the voter has the qualifications or not, the vote is illegal and cannot be counted. For instance, if a vote be challenged and the election officers admit it irregularly without following the course prescribed by law, the vote must be rejected, even though it afterward appears that the voter is fully qualified. Moreover, on contests, the court in which it is being tried, cannot admit testimony to show that an unregistered voter had the proper qualifications. The time for that is past. It should have been done at the polls in accordance with the provisions of that act. Nor have the election officers the right to receive a vote without the provisions of the law being carried out. They commit a crime in so doing. No man is deprived of his suffrage by this act, except through his own fault or his own wrong act. If he fulfills all the provisions of the act, no power on earth can prevent his voting. Glass and queensware, Harper & Weakly. A number of burglaries were committed in Jefferson county lately. The County Commissioners propose entertaining these rogues, and have posted the following notice. It's a "stop-motion," we suppose: Whereas, within the last two month the estate of Emanuel Weiser, of Pinecreek township, was broken open by burglars and contents stolen; Also, the store of William Eisenhart, of Sprankles Mills, was broken open and certain moneys and goods stolen; Also, the store of Groves & Levis, in Brockwayville, was broken open and larceny committed therein; And whereas, in each or all the above crimes there is reason to believe that the same two or three persons were concerned; Now, the County of Jefferson will pay a reward of One Thousand Dollars for the arrest and conviction of any two or three of the persons who were concerned in the perpetration of any of the above named crimes; or Five Hundred Dollars for the arrest, within three months, and conviction of any one of the offenders. S. M. McDONALD, J. B. JORDAN, K. L. BLOOD, County Commissioners. Full cream cheese, Harper & Weakly. Drexel & Co. of Philadelphia acknowledge receipt of the following contributions to the fund for the relief of the sufferers by the Clearfield county fire: Drexel & Co., \$250; the Times Publishing Company, \$100; Reading, Richey & Wallace, \$80; J. M. Dalton, \$5; Wm. B. Smith, \$50; through Select Councilman Van Dusen, \$10; George D. McCreary, \$50; Abraham Baker, \$20; cash, \$3; Antonio Alvarez, \$5; Mrs. H. Jones Brooks, \$5; F. M. and H. Brooks, \$25; B. H. Bartol, \$50; Linn, \$5. Total, \$878. DEATHS. LAUGHLIN.—At his residence on Lamb street, May 18th, 1884, Mr. Martin Laughlin, aged about 70 years. Mr. Laughlin was an old and respected citizen, and his remains were followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of friends and relatives. The interment took place in the Catholic cemetery. —Extra Sat T Harper & Weakly's.

Personal.

Mr. Jno. P. Condo, of Penn Hall, spent Monday and Tuesday in Bellefonte. Mr. Pearson, the gentlemanly manager at Valentines stores, spent part of Tuesday in Lock Haven. We noticed Dr. A. G. Walls, one of Lock Haven's most skillful physicians, upon our streets Friday evening. Miss Ella Fox, one of Renovo's fair daughters, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jacob A. Swavely, on Penn street. Mr. W. L. Fleming hied himself off to Harrisburg on Mondar evening, expecting to return to morrow evening. Miss Tillie Holston of this place, returned home on Tuesday evening from a prolonged visit to Pottstown and other places. Mr. W. B. Miller, representing Speace, Miller and Co., of Phila., shook hands with his numerous friends in Bellefonte Monday and Tuesday. Mr. C. G. McMillen returned on Friday evening from a trip to Altoona, Philadelphia and other points. He reports having had a very pleasant time. Mr. Fred Smith, of this place, who for several months past has been laid up with inflammatory rheumatism, has recovered sufficiently to be about again. Rev. Z. Hornberger, of Milesburg, will address the Robert M. Foster Post, 197, G. A. R., at St. Paul's church, Leont, on the 25th inst., at 7 1/2, p. m., sharp. Mr. W. F. Reynolds, jr., returned on the 5 o'clock train Saturday evening from Clifton Springs, New York, at which place he has been raticating for several months past. Mr. John Watt, formerly of Rock Springs, but who lately joined the ranks of that much abused fraternity known as "drummers," gazed upon our merchants last Thursday and Friday. Mr. John W. Robb, of Howard township, favored the DEMOCRAT with his presence for few moments on Wednesday. Mr. Robb is one of that township's best citizens and a staunch Democrat. Rev. W. O. Wright, who a little over a year ago accepted a call from the members of the Kylertown, Pa., Presbyterian church, has again been installed as pastor in the Presbyterian church at Milesburg, at which place he served faithfully for many years.