

To Correspondents.—No communications published unless accompanied by the real name of the writer.

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

—D. P. Henderson, of Spruce Creek, has been granted a pension.

—Remember that days of grace on all kinds of bankable paper have been done away with.

—The Bellefonte Academy will resume work in all its departments on Monday, January 6th, 1896.

—Owing to inability to fill it the Phillipsburg furniture factory is reported to have just lost an order for two thousand chiffoniers.

—There will be two full moons this month. This will be the hundredth time since the beginning of the Christian era that such a thing has happened.

—The "Black-Crook," magnificent and spectacular, will be the attraction at Garman's, Wednesday night, Jan. 8th.

—J. C. Meyer Esq., has offered a prize to that member of the Senior class of the Bellefonte High school who shall prepare the best biographical sketch of a given character.

—Shelley A. Reeser, a Lock Haven insurance agent, left for Paris unknown during the fore part of the week. The papers of that place say there is a shortage in his accounts.

—Large crowds are enjoying the fair and festival of St. John's Catholic church now holding in Temple Court. The proceeds are for the benefit of the new parochial residence and you should patronize it.

—Christmas services were held in all of the Bellefonte churches. Several congregations held watch meetings to see the New Year come in. The Methodist and Reformed church bells rang out the old and rang in the new.

—A convict now serving a seven year's sentence in the western penitentiary is supposed to be the man who murdered Harry Waterhouse, on Thomas street, in this place, in September 1890, and afterwards escaped from jail.

—Governor A. W. McEntyre, of Colorado, is a Pennsylvanian by birth and is a relative of post-master L. W. McEntyre, of Fillmore, this county. He was married in this place years ago and was educated in the public schools at Lock Haven.

—Rev. M. S. Blair, pastor of the Eagleville Disciple church, surprised his congregation by resigning on Sunday. He preached his farewell sermon that evening and will go into evangelistic work. He had been pastor there for sixteen years.

—Miss Ella McGowan was the successful competitor in the Undine fire company's gold watch contest that came to an end on Christmas eve. She collected \$53.45 as against \$51.10 collected by Miss Margie McMahon. H. A. McKee was the referee in the contest.

—On Monday evening of last week John Miller, colored, familiarly known as "Sun," made an attempt on his life by taking laudanum. Trouble with his wife, who is a very petite little colored woman, drove him to the rash act. He came very near dying, but is all right now. The Millers live on Logan street.

—Mr. Geo. B. Johnston and family are busily engaged packing up their furniture preparatory to moving to Beaver Falls, Pa., where George has secured a lucrative position. Bellefonte will be sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and their charming little children, but all will be glad in the fact that the change will be a most advantageous one for them.

—A delightful family reunion was held at the home of the venerable James Hamilton, on Willowbank street, last Thursday evening, to celebrate the 92nd anniversary of Mr. Hamilton's birth. The five children, ten grand-children and five great grand-children were all there to enjoy the festivities. Mr. Hamilton is Bellefonte's oldest resident and his remarkable activity is a town by word. He is seen almost daily on the streets and would pass for one twenty years younger.

—Constable Josh Fouk, of the North ward, hauled a lot of boys up before "Squire Keichline, one day last week, for catching and abusing trout. Among them were Isaac Thomas Jr., Samuel Geiswhite Jr., and Samuel, alias Beany, Meese. As no case was made out against them the boys were all discharged. There is no doubt that trout are being caught daily in the streams that flow through this place and the officer deserves credit for his attempt to break up the unlawful practice, but he should be sure as to the identity of the offenders before he begins wholesale arrests. If officer Fouk breaks up the practice of catching trout out of season in this section he will earn the commendation of hosts of sportsmen.

MANY DEATHS IN THE COUNTY.—While the holiday season brought joy to many households through this broad land there are those into which death's blighting sting entered to leave a sorrow which only time can comfort and a vacancy which nothing can fill. No matter what the occasion death seems always to be with us, and just when we least expect it some loved one is stricken as if more to illustrate our ephemeral existence here than to mark the closing of a finished life.

WILLIAM B. NORRIS. The subject of this sketch was born in Liverpool, England, March 13th, 1809, and died at Lemont, December 24th, 1895, consequently he was 86 years, 9 months, 11 days old. In 1828, when 19 years of age, he came to seek his fortune in this "land of the free and home of the brave," doing his first work in this country, on the Harper's Ferry canal. Subsequently he traveled on foot to Penna. Furnace, this county, in the vicinity of which he ever after lived, covering a period of about 65 years. He was for many years engaged in the business of ore mining and on account of his skill and success as a miner and his knowledge of the mining business and his industry and integrity he was always placed at the head of the corps of miners which gave him the name of "Mine Boss."

In 1832, he met and married Miss Mary Wilson, who preceded him home to the "great beyond" about four years ago. To them were born 15 children, 10 of whom survive him, as follows: Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Ray, of Lemont; Mrs. Pennington and Mrs. Martz, of State College; Henry T., of Buffalo; Mrs. Boyers, Mrs. Brotherton, Daniel B., Joseph W., of Altoona; and George P., of Pittsburg.

He had, at the time of his death, 52 grand children and 27 great grand children. At the age of 21 he embraced religion and at once allied himself to the Methodist Episcopal church in which he at once became a most earnest and enthusiastic worker for Christ, and for over 40 years held a license as a local preacher and exorter, and so consistent and holy life did he lead that when the day of final reckoning will come, myriads "will rise up and call him blessed." G. W. R.

MRS. DELIA FOSTER. Born in Beaver township, in what is now known as Snyder county, Oct. 5th, 1830, Mrs. Delia Foster lived the life of an upright Christian woman until death claimed her, on Friday, Dec. 27th, after an illness of only ten days. On the 17th ult., Mrs. Foster was stricken with grip, but had practically recovered from its effects by Christmas day, when the solicitous watchers at her bedside imposed a partial development of paralysis that later affected her entire right side and ended in her death.

Mrs. Foster's maiden name was Smith, having been a sister of the senior partner of the Philadelphia grocer firm of Smith, Foster, & Co. She was married to Robert M. Foster in Nov. 1849. He was then a Union county, school master. They lived at the home of the groom's parents until 1853 when Mr. Foster saw profit in lands adjoining the property upon which the site of the Pennsylvania State College had been located. Accordingly they moved to this county and it was from their new home that the husband enlisted as a private in the late war. He never returned, having been killed in battle at Gettysburg, in '63. Left alone with a family of small children Mrs. Foster reared them as very few mothers have been able to do under far more favorable circumstances than were hers. After the death of her husband she removed to Union county, where she lived among relatives until 1877, when she returned to State College and remained there until her death.

Of the six children in her family three survive. Thomas and William, twins, the former of Lewisburg; the latter of Philadelphia, and Robert M., of State College. Funeral services were held at her late home on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Barr, of Princeton seminary, officiating. Interment was made at the branch where her body was laid by the side of her soldier husband.

Few women have lived to wield the influence that was Mrs. Foster's in the community in which she lived and few have died leaving more profound sorrow in the hearts of loved ones. Her life was of that noble, self sacrificing kind that endeared itself to everyone and her encouragement and devotion to young people made her death particularly sad to the many in whom she always took a kindly interest.

PHILIPSBURG'S GREAT LOSS. The town of Phillipsburg might well be sad since the death of editor Harry Williams of the Ledger. We know of no man who seemed to have been in closer touch with the people of that place than the dead journalist and that he should have been stricken in the most promising period of his life leads us, the more, to marvel at the mystery of an all-wise Providence. He was an honor to Phillipsburg, an honor to his

profession and, above all, a Christian father. We have the sincerest sympathy for those who mourn him, but they should be comforted in the knowledge that though his life was cut short it was one well spent.

Harry Clay Williams died Saturday, Dec. 21, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Phillipsburg, with whom he lived since the death of his wife. The direct cause of his death was pneumonia, superinduced by the strain on his nervous system occasioned by having his hand crushed in a job press, on Nov. 27th.

Deceased was born at Howard in 1851. His parents moved to Phillipsburg when Harry was but four years old. At the age of 11 years he entered the drug store of Dr. Charles Foster, where he remained until 1863, when he entered the Bellefonte Academy. Three years after he returned to Phillipsburg and purchased the drug store of Dr. McGirk, and the ensuing six years were spent there and in his father's drug store in Bellefonte. About 1877 he entered the employment of D. W. Holt, in Phillipsburg, as book-keeper, continuing in that capacity until 1884, when he and C. B. Martin purchased the Miner's Record office and began the publication of the Ledger. Since that time, although there were several changes in the partnership, Mr. Martin being succeeded by J. D. Douglas and he in turn by Miss Anna V. Williams, always remained editor-in-chief of that paper.

In 1876 he married Annie M. Kepler, who died in less than a year leaving a daughter, who with parents, two brothers and one sister survive. The funeral was held on Tuesday, the 24th, and was very largely attended. Interment was made in the cemetery at Phillipsburg.

A PROMINENT MAN DEAD. The death of Major Jared B. Fisher, which occurred at his home, at Penn Hall, Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock, marked the end of a life remarkable in many ways. Few residents of Centre county have been better or more favorably known than Major Fisher and his death removes a man whose memory this community will cherish. Though he had been in poor health for some time it was only within three weeks of his death that he became seriously ill. Funeral services were held at his late home on Tuesday.

Deceased was born in Berks county in 1829. His ancestors were Palatines from Germany who, oppressed by Roman intolerance, first removed to Holland, thence to America, and as early as 1714, located among the Mohawks in the dense forest of Schoharie, near Albany, N. Y. In that locality lies the dust of five generations. Major Fisher was the son of Adam Fisher, who moved to Penn Hall, then called Centreville, from Berks county, Pa., in 1842, where he opened a general store. In 1840 Adam Fisher moved to Farmer's Mills and engaged in the milling business, his son, Jared remaining in charge of the store at Penn Hall until 1849 when he was made a partner in the firm. In 1853 Jared purchased the store outright, conducting a prosperous business until 1854, in January, when his store took fire and burned. But this did not daunt him, for in less than a month he had his business in full operation again. In 1863 Major Fisher purchased the Musser farm and the store building he occupied until his death. On the death of his father, in 1866, Maj. Fisher also embarked in the milling business and subsequently invested in much real estate. Always enterprising, the Major made valuable improvements at Penn Hall and was always the first to advance all important projects.

He was appointed postmaster of Spring Mills by President Pierce, continuing in office there during his and Buchanan's administrations until 1863, when an office was established at Penn Hall and he was appointed postmaster there, which office he held until his death. The Major was a charter member of the Farmer's Mutual insurance company of Centre county.

His military career dates back to 1840, when he connected himself with the Marion infantry, and up until the war was prominent in military circles, being at one time inspector of the Third Brigade, 14th division. Owing to poor health he did not serve during the rebellion, but rendered the country valuable service at home in recruiting and equipping men for the service.

No one who had not the honor of Major Fisher's friendship can realize what a sterling man he was. Fearless, but fair, he never swerved from what he conceived to be his duty to his Creator and himself. A Democrat, whose wise counsels has aided his party at many times of need and a man in whose death a truly serious loss is felt.

THE HON. SAMUEL T. SHUGERT. Almost coincident with the founding of this town was the birth of a man whose death occurred in Phillipsburg, on Saturday, Dec. 21st. While visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Burchfield, the Hon. Samuel Shugert, of north

Spring street, suffered a physical collapse that resulted in his death. Well advanced in his 87th year he was so prostrated by the shock he received, while attempting to walk around a train wreck at Vail, when on his way to Phillipsburg on Thanksgiving day, that he could not rally strength again. His remains were brought home here the following Saturday and funeral services were held on Monday, the Rev. Dr. Laurie having officiated, assisted by Rev. R. L. Gearhart.

Hon. Samuel Townsend Shugert was the oldest (natal) citizen of Bellefonte. He was in his 97th year, being born on the 26th, of February, 1809, in the present Bellefonte Academy soon after its erection; his father Jos. B. Shugert was one of its earliest principals. When quite young Mr. Shugert engaged in the publication of the old Centre Democrat and was its editor and proprietor from 1834 to 1845. About this time he was solicited by Gen. Simon Cameron to remove to Pittsburg and take charge of the Pittsburg Post. Declining this he received the appointment of chief clerk in the U. S. patent office, acceptably filling this responsible trust until the administration of president Buchanan when he was advanced to the position of commissioner, which office he retained until after the inauguration of President Lincoln. During his residence in Washington Mr. Shugert, a finding Centre county was without a Democratic organ, sent to Bellefonte a complete newspaper outfit and established this paper which was later purchased by its present editor. He returned to Bellefonte (where his family had always resided) in 1861.

He was elected State Senator in 1868 from this district, then composed of Centre, Mifflin, Clearfield, Juniata and Perry, and was a member of the House of Representatives in 1875 and 1876. In 1878 reluctantly yielding to solicitations of his friends he again commenced the publication of a newspaper, under the old title, which is the present Centre Democrat. This he continued until about eight or ten years ago, since which time, although enjoying good health and spirits, for one of his advanced age, he preferred the rest and comforts afforded by retirement from business cares.

Deceased was a member of Constant Comrades No. 33 of the Knights Templar. He was a life member of a Blue Lodge and a chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the city of Washington, D. C. He was the oldest commander in this communitary at time of his death.

He was twice married, his first wife being Deborah M. Dunlop, a daughter of John Dunlop and grand-daughter of Col. Dunlop of the revolutionary army. His second wife, who survives him, is a daughter of the late Hon. Ovid F. Johnson, a distinguished Attorney-General of Pennsylvania. Besides his wife he leaves two sons and one daughter, viz: J. D., cashier of the Centre county bank, Bellefonte; Finley, clerk in the patent office at Washington, and Mrs. W. E. Burchfield, of Phillipsburg.

The Hon. Samuel Shugert was a man the impress of whose character will be seen in Bellefonte institutions for centuries to come. Strong in literary attainments he was of that type of manhood, at once removed from the narrow sphere of sordid bigotry, that proclaims intelligence of a superior order. Simple and honest in his manner remembrance of him cannot but be sacred.

MRS. TAMSON ALLEN. Consumption caused the lamentable death of this young mother at an early hour on Monday morning. She was 34 years of age and died, leaving her two small children, Vernon, 8 years old, and Myra, 6 years old, orphans to battle with this world's cares and troubles as best they can. Mrs. Allen was the widow of James Allen who died of the same disease, at Mill Hall, about three years ago. She was a Methodist in faith and funeral services were held at her late home on Pine street, this place, Tuesday afternoon after which her remains were taken to Pleasant Gap for burial.

Mrs. Hollingsworth died at her home at Verona, a suburb of this place, on Wednesday morning of last week, after a year's illness with consumption. Deceased was 24 years old and was buried Friday afternoon in the Union cemetery, after services had been held in the Methodist church at Valentine's iron works.

A CHRISTMAS WEDDING.—Only a few friends of the contracting parties witnessed the nuptials of Mr. Harry A. Wagner, of Rock Forge, and Miss M. Agnes Peters, of Oak Hall, that were celebrated at the home of Mr. John Shadle, on Thomas street, this place, at 11 o'clock Christmas morning. Rev. Dr. Laurie of the Presbyterian church officiated.

The groom is the junior partner of the Rock milling firm of Wagner Bros., and is a young man whose habits of life recommend him most highly to all. He is active in business and will make a husband worthy all the honor any woman could bestow. Mrs. Wagner is a daughter of Emanuel Peters, of Oak Hall. She is a charming young woman in every way fitted to make a helpful and loving wife. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Wagner unbounded joy and prosperity in their wedded life.

—Alex M. Cormesser has been appointed post-master at Bellwood.

—Typhoid fever is epidemic in the town of Peale.

—Huntingdon's bicycle factory is nearing the completion of its first hundred wheels.

—George Fagley, an old and well known resident of Grazierville, died last Friday morning.

—Leather goods a specialty at Zeller's.

—Capt. J. H. Boring, of Phillipsburg, is the man who led the cavalry escort that accompanied Gen. Sheridan from Winchester to Cedar creek, in October, 1864. Sheridan took command of the Union army at that place and turned the partial victory of Early's forces into complete defeat. Capt. Boring was not regularly attached to Sheridan's army but having been discharged from the hospital at Winchester only the day before Sheridan arrived there on his famous ride he applied for permission to accompany the General and it was granted.

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—Quarter-master William Jones, Gregg post, No. 95, G. A. R. of this place, is very proud over the recovery of an old revolver that went the way of his other soldier possessions when he made his first "last will and testament" at Harper's Ferry, in 1866. At that time Wm. thought he was going to die from sun-stroke and forthwith willed all his kit to his comrades, but he didn't die, as he expected, and is alive and happy, to-day, though now 75 years old. Among his bequests was an old revolver that fell to the lot of Capt. Ira Meek, of Hicksville, Ohio, who, upon learning that Jones is still among the living, returned the old revolver to him last Saturday, after having had it for thirty years.

IT IS NOW 1896.—We now write "1896." It is a leap year and the last one for eight years. There will be four eclipses, two of the moon and two of the sun. Only one of them will be visible in the United States, and that is but a partial eclipse of the moon, due on the 23rd of August. Lent, the period in which all churchmen are interested, falls somewhat earlier this year, as Ash Wednesday is on February 19th. This brings Easter Sunday on April 5th. Of the holidays, the Fourth of July will fall on a Saturday, thus bringing two days of business suspension together. Christmas will come on Friday.

News Purely Personal.

—Mr. Jos. Tressler of Pleasant Gap, was in town attending to some business yesterday.

—Mr. J. B. Noll, of Mitesburg, was a pleasant and profitable caller at this office on Tuesday.

—Harry Holtz, a son of Mr. Herman Holtz of the firm of Joseph Bros. & Co., of this place, has entered a business College in Williamsport.

—Mrs. E. Schroyer came up from her home near Milesburg to do a little shopping in town and, while here, honored this office with a short call.

—G. H. Hite, formerly of this place, was here on Monday on his way from DuBois to Wisconsin where he will be engaged in the lumber business.

—Jacob Shaffer Esq., of Zion, was in town last week and made the printer's heart glad, as is his annual custom. Mr. Shaffer is one of Nittany valley's most influential residents.

—Among our many callers on Monday, was Mr. Samuel Charles, of Milesburg. He departed leaving us richer for his having been here not alone financially, but socially, as well.

—Mr. Peter Weber, of Huntingdon, was in town, on Monday, looking up his many acquaintances here. We missed his call and were genuinely sorry for Mr. Weber is a gentleman we are always pleased to see.

—Miss Knox, of Benner township, called Saturday afternoon, and renewed her subscription for another year. She is a very pleasant woman and one of the many who appreciate a thoroughly reliable newspaper.

—Ed. Shaffer, of Hanover, York Co., formerly a clerk in the Backett store in this place, has been spending the holiday week with friends here and with his parents in Madisonburg. Ed. is part owner of a large store at Hanover.

—J. Craig Hunter, who is in the saddlery business at Lemont, was in town, on Saturday looking after some business to be wound up with the old year. He is a son of the late Hon. B. F. Hunter, of Fillmore, and a young man who enjoys a large friendship.

—Simon Loeb, of Philadelphia, well-known as a former merchant and resident of this place, has been spending a few days at the home of his sister Mrs. M. Fable, on High street. Mr. Loeb is troubled with heart disease and hopes his sojourn here will do him good. As his wife has joined him since his arrival they will probably remain several weeks.

—Mr. D. B. Delong, of Romola, made one of his rare visits to Bellefonte yesterday and took the trouble to hunt up the editor in order that he could be square on his paper. It is not often that our subscribers go out and hunt us up when we don't happen to be in and we must say that Mr. Delong showed more determination in such matters than is usually found in men.

—Among the many valued friends of the WATCHMAN who dropped in to see us during the holiday week were: John H. Miller, of Rock Spring, whose son-in-law, Mr. F. E. Wieland, of Linden Hall was here also. The latter is a fine young man of whom Mr. Miller has every reason to feel proud. H. A. Brunard, of Zion, and James Garner, of Hubersburg, were two esteemed friends who couldn't tarry long, but were nevertheless very welcome. Amos Garbrick, of Coleville, whose "clean, pure ice" keeps most of Bellefonte cool during the summer, spent a short time here on Saturday. He has his large ice house nearly full of the best ice ever cut, so he says.

STUCK BY LIGHTNING IN DECEMBER.—A tornado swept over this place last Thursday night leaving considerable destruction in its wake. Such a thing as a lightning storm in mid-winter is extremely unusual, but when it is accompanied by a wind storm of violence such as that of last Thursday night the case becomes truly remarkable. As is well known Bellefonte is entirely surrounded by high mountains that are so near that it would seem that they would break the violence of the most terrific gale.

During the storm the house of David Haines, on Thomas street, was struck by lightning and the chimney was knocked off of it.

—Good morning, have you seen Zeller's holiday goods?

FELL AND BROKE HER ARM.—While patching the paper on the ceiling of one of the rooms she occupies, in the Sand's building, on High street, Mrs. Mary J. Chambers lost her balance and fell from the table on which she was standing. Her right arm was broken near the wrist and as Mrs. Chambers is well advanced in years the injury is a serious one. She is the mother of E. R. Chambers, Esq., of east Linn street.

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SETTLED WITHOUT CARRYING IT TO COURT.—An amicable adjustment of the differences between the Dubbs and Escher factions of the Evangelical church was reached here the other day whereby the former became purchasers of all the church property in this section. The Dubbsites paying part cash for the same and giving bonds for the balance. This settlement being satisfactory to the Escherites, the case will not get into the courts.

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—Diego W. Abreu, a member of the class of '90, of The Pennsylvania State College, was a Lieut. in the dormant rebel army of Cuba, all the time he attended that institution. He had his commission and drew a salary of \$1,000 per annum. In the event that the insurgents win and Cuba becomes a republic the money will all be redeemable. Mr. Abreu's father owns a handsome residence at Cienfuegos the city the insurgents are trying to capture in order to afford them a seaport.

—Leather goods a specialty at Zeller's.

FOR SALE.—A team of heavy draft horses, 8 years old. Will weigh 1600 lbs. each.

T. B. BUDINGER, Snow Shoe, Pa.

HAY WANTED.—Have you a car-load of good timothy hay you want to sell for cash. If so, write or telephone T. B. Budinger, Snow Shoe, Pa.

LOST.—A small sterling silver match box with the monogram, G. B. M., engraved on one side. The finder will be rewarded by returning same to this office.

REDUCTION SALE.—Eclipsing the great Fire Sale of 1894, when we sold great quantities of goods in a short space of time. Stock is in much better condition, prices are much lower. Values are greater. No reasonable man expects to buy all wool Suits, and all wool Overcoats, at the prices named for Shoddy and Satinets. We expect to get your trade when you are through being deceived and have your eyes opened. Nothing is our business.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Red wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Cloverseed.

Bellefonte Produce Markets.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Potatoes, Onions, Eggs, Lard, Butter, Hams, Sides, Cabbage.

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