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**LOCAL ITEMS.**

The men who catch the trade always advertise.

For seven weeks rain has been the reigning sign.

The new Reformed church at Millheim is nearing completion.

Eggs are up to 24 cents and the hens refuse to lay at that price.

Mr. J. R. Bible, of Potters Mills, stopped in to see us one day this week.

Rev. Fischer ventured out last Monday for the first time since the accident.

Dr. Chas. Gutelius, of Millinburg, while in town this week favored us with a short call.

The train on Tuesday killed several sheep belonging to Mr. Bartholomew and Will Lee.

J. C. Motz, of Woodward, has been an invalid all summer, and is not yet able to leave his home.

Farmers have now begun taking corn by the ears, and we trust can keep on without needing umbrellas.

Jim Smetzler moved last week from the township into the borough last Saturday, and will lose his vote, a democratic loss.

In seven weeks we did not have two consecutive days without rain, and in no week more than one entirely clear day in that time.

Now Democrats of old Centre, for next Tuesday! one fire along the entire line, and the day is ours, and for cheaper food, clothing, and machinery.

Monday tried hard to slip thro without rain—but there was a short sprinkle. Tuesday renewed the attempt and really made the rifle and umbrellas were not needed.

The roads will need looking after when the weather becomes settled. Through our town at various places, there are water ponds that should be wiped out by filling.

Services in the Lutheran church next Sabbath evening. A religious exercise, given by members of the congregation, has been fixed on. Rev. Fischer expects to be present.

In Westchester county, New York, a young lady and her beau have bet on the rival White House aspirants and the loser of the bet is to attend church wearing the clothes of the opposite sex.

The audience room of the M. E. church at Pleasant Gap will be reopened to the public on Sunday, Nov 11, at 2 p. m. Dr. Moore, of Bellefonte, will preach the sermon, subject: Recognition of friends in heaven.

Landlord Bibby, of Millheim, piloted a party into the Paddy mountain woods to look at some lands, on Monday, taking their guns with them. They were fortunate enough to kill a fat 200 pound bear and a deer.

Co. Commissioner Decker and sons, of Potters Mills, were out after deer on Monday in the Se-wan mts., and came across a large bear with two half-grown cubs. They killed the bear which weighed about 250 pounds, being very lean, but the cubs escaped.

Sacred concerts, free for nothing, every day on second floor of the Bank building. The combination is one possessing rare talent and has refused numerous offers of late to travel, but positively refused, glad they will remain with us. A collection will soon be in order.

Last week a Democrat and Republican of Centre Hall made a bet that the one voting for the defeated candidate would have to wheel the other to the station on a wheel barrow. Will give the names and time of trip in our next issue. All will be invited to turn out and see the fun.

A very sad occurrence in Mill Hall Wednesday evening caused general sorrow in that place. Miss Grace Stover, the fifteen year old daughter of John H. Stover, was taking part in a temperance meeting by reciting a temperance selection when she fell forward from the platform dead, of heart disease.

Every precinct committee and Democrat should get down to business from this to the end of the election. Get to work and see every Democrat and independent voter in your district and have him turn out on election day. Personal work of this kind is what we must have and are going to have.

An exchange says there is an old superstition among farmers that the date of the month added to the number of the month in the year when the first snow falls will be the number of snow storms for the winter. If this be true, then we shall have thirty-eight snows this winter, the first snow having fallen on the 29th day of the ninth month.

W. S. Allen, of Williamsport, was killed while hunting. Mr. Allen was shot in the back by his friends who were hunting with him. It appears that a deer had been wounded by the party and Mr. Allen went into the bushes to root it out while there the deer jumped up and both men fired, one firing four shots and the other one. It was at this time that Mr. Allen was killed. The inquest places no blame on any one.

A Philadelphia detective was employed recently by S. F. Hoffa, of Milton who was shot at by a party in ambush three weeks ago in the White Deer Valley. On Friday last Elias Perun, of Washington township, Lycoming county, was taken before Justice Neibert at Lycoming county jail in default of \$2,000 bail on a charge of "assault and attempt to kill with a double barrel gun." The prisoner will be 71 years next February. He firmly denies his guilt.—Lewisburg News.

The Democratic meeting in Foundry Hall, on last Friday evening was well attended, considering the condition of the weather, which was very unpropitious. The meeting was addressed by Messrs. Williams, co. chairman, and J. L. Spangler, of Bellefonte. The first speaker, Mr. Williams, made a number of good points in his short talk. The audience then listened to one of those able speeches which Jack has been delivering this campaign, and is convinc-

**TO THE PEOPLE OF CENTRE COUNTY.**

The Gazette of last week contains an article in which there is so much misrepresentation and untruth that I deem it necessary for the information of the public to give the facts just as they exist. All that I shall say on this matter was within easy reach of the editor of the Gazette and had he desired he could have more easily given you the exact truth than to mistake the facts. By an act of assembly approved the 21st day of March A. D. 1875, "All laws and parts of laws then in force in the Commonwealth under and by virtue of which taxes for State purposes are levied and assessed upon horses, mares, geldings, mules and cattle shall be and they are hereby repealed so far as they give authority to impose State taxes on the same," by a proviso the act could not go into effect until after the next meeting of the board of Revenue Commissioners of the Commonwealth. Nor could the act go into effect so as to relieve the property specified until 1874, the assessments for 1875 in nearly all the counties of the state having been made before the act was having passed.

The Commissioners of the several counties are required by law to make a return to the board of Revenue Commissioners of all taxable property, setting out, in the return what is taxable for State purposes as well as that which is taxable for County purposes. The County Commissioners in 1875 made return of property, taxable for State purposes to the amount of \$3,835 69. This was \$2,824 40 in excess of what the county assessment showed on its face to be the correct amount of State tax, and the mistake arose by reason of returning as taxable for State purposes, horses, cattle, &c., &c.

The State Board of Revenue Commissioners in 1875 assessed the county a gross tax of \$4,167.11 which sum through 1875, 1876 and 1877.

This over-charge the County not only the \$324 40 in excess of what the county assessment showed on its face to be the correct amount of State tax, but also \$333 42 in each year an arbitrary increase by the Revenue Board. The total overcharge for three years was \$9,473 46, from this, there is to be deducted the amount which is allowed the County treasurer as his Commission which left the net amount of overcharge for the three years \$8,909 83. The whole matter is shown more fully by the following statement:

Amount charged by Revenue Board for one year.....	\$ 4,167 11
For three years.....	12,501 33
Correct amount according to the Commissioners return.....	744 17
.....	\$11,757 16
Taxes on money at interest for 1875.....	\$ 337 71
Furniture.....	73 70
Carriages.....	49 03
Watches.....	140 75
Total for one year.....	\$1,011 28
For 3 years, 75, 76, 77.....	\$3,033 84
Less Comd.....	180 51
.....	\$2,853 33
Net amount over-paid.....	\$8,909 83

It will thus be seen that all this occurred in 1875, 1876 and 1877 long before Mr. Griest and Mr. Wolf became County Commissioners and also long before I became the Attorney of the County. As I understand it the mistake was made by the State Board of Revenue Commissioners in charging the County with more taxes than they should have been charged with, and the same mistake occurred with almost every County in the State, Democratic and Republican alike. Shortly after I became Attorney for the Commissioners I discovered that the State had taken from the County \$8,909 83. I also discovered that after the State Board of Revenue Commissioners had allowed a number of the Counties credit for the full amount unlawfully taken from them, they had passed a resolution refusing to consider any further applications praying that credit might be allowed the Counties for money over-paid.

I had shown to the Commissioners the amount the State had taken from our County and wanted them to bear the expense and let me do what I could to obtain proper credit for the County. The State would not repay the money it had illegally received to any County, but it would allow a credit to the County in the accounts between the County and the State.

The Commissioners refused to take any chances, but offered a contingent fee to me any whom might be associated with me. We were to bare our own expenses, pay all cost, if any, as well as all assistant counsel, if any had to be hired, and they pay us thirty per cent. on the amount the County obtained credit for in the accounts between it and the Commonwealth.

Under this agreement we went to work and after two years of work, a number of trips to Harrisburg, and an outlay to us of between \$500 and \$600 we obtained a credit in favor of the County for \$8,909 83.

I repeat that neither Mr. Griest, Mr. Wolf nor myself were responsible for the payment of this large amount of money, unlawfully to the State, as it was done long before either of us had anything to do with the office; nor do I think any board of County Commissioners or their Attorney was responsible for the mistake made by the State Board of Revenue Commissioners. It is true I was hired by the Commissioners at a salary of \$200 a year to advise them, but when I made for the County any collection or tried any cases in Court, as I did many of them, for the Court, like all other Attorneys, Democrats and Republicans alike, I was paid what the services were worth or the regular commissions on the collection.

The whole matter was submitted to the County Auditors at their sitting last winter and passed upon by them as just, and the statement shows that they counted, as liability of the County, the balance due to Spangler and myself. Under the contract we were to do a certain thing and if we succeeded the County was to pay us a certain amount, we did our part kept the County clear of all expenses and the County has done for us simply what it had agreed to do.

At the time we received the last portion of our fees Centre county was the only county that had, after the reconsideration of the resolution before mentioned by the Revenue Board in December 1880, received credit for the amount overpaid in 1875, 1876 and 1877. By the County receiving a credit of \$8,909 83 on the books of the State treasurer when she did, the County Commissioners were enabled to reduce the County rates for 1887 and 1888 to two and a half mills, and by this means the whole people receive credit for money unlawfully taken from them many years before. Very truly,

**THURSDAY EVENINGS' NUPTIALS.**

A large number of relatives and friends assembled at the residence of Mrs. M. A. Ross, this place, on last Thursday evening, to witness the ceremonies which united Miss Sadie Ross and George Bushman in bonds of holy wedlock. The young folks of this vicinity were present and many from a distance were noticed in the happy throng. At about 6 P. M. Miss Annie Keller gave the signal in bringing from the organ the notes of an inspiring wedding march. Rev. H. Kerr, the Presbyterian minister, stationed himself at the base of the room and awaited the arrival of the bridal party, which soon appeared. Miss Sadie was handsomely attired and never looked prettier than upon this festive occasion; while the groom, an ideal young man, bore himself with the dignity becoming the occasion. The wedding service was a brief, oral and impressive ceremony, pronounced calmly and clearly by the minister.

At the conclusion many and varied congratulations were extended the newly married couple. Toothsome refreshments were then served and the evening was spent in various amusements. A large number of handsome presents were received, some of which were rather suggestive. Mr. and Mrs. Bushman left on Friday morning for a two weeks trip to Gettysburg and other points.

**SPRING MILLS.**

Mrs. Ed. Krumrine, of Lewisburg, is visiting friends and relatives. Mr. Bedford, Prohibition candidate for assembly, stopped over night last week with landlord Ruhl. Miss Emma Smith, of Potters Mills, visited Ida Grenoble last week. Mrs. Krape removed from State College to her house on the hill.

A man from the south end of town came to the postoffice one day last week, and asked the postmaster what the news were in this end of town, to which the postmaster replied, "O, the editor is at home."

The meeting in the school house was well attended last Thursday evening. Addresses were made by Kerr and Spangler. Harry Miller has become a counter-hopper in Long's store.

**WEDDING AND RECEPTION.**

This week we announce another wedding to take place, in which one of Centre Hall's prominent young ladies is a contracting party. Invitations to attend the marriage of Miss Maggie L. Rishell and George P. Wakefield, of Huntingdon Co., on Tuesday Nov. 13, at the residence of her mother, Mrs. John Rishell, have been issued. At the same time a reception will be extended to Rev. C. W. Rishell and wife, recently married, and a brother of Miss Maggie.

**THE SCHOOLS.**

The schools of our county have all opened, and the young idea is learning how to shoot. Superintendent Wolf has commenced his visitations. The pedagogues should not know in what hour of the night the bridegroom cometh, so he would always keep his lamp in trim for the coming. Centre county's common schools rank among the best of the system in our state.

**FALL AND WINTER.**

Get a new suit and overcoat from Montgomery & Co., Tailors, Bellefonte. They are so much cheaper than ready made clothing. They have also a full stock of Hats, Caps, Umbrellas, and Gentlemen's Furnishings. MONTGOMERY & Co., Tailors, Bellefonte.

Weather fine, at last. Wedding presents.—Germans. Farmers find over one-third of their corn soft. Dress goods, all the new styles.—Germans.

Mud, mud, mud, everywhere, in high places and low. Fall and winter stock of clothing at the Philad. Branch. W. D. Keller is having his house finished at the station. Butter and eggs in exchange for goods at cash prices.—Germans.

Lumbermen pay 25 cents per ton for prop timber on the stump. Fall and winter stock of clothing at the Philad. Branch. You would be surprised at the prices at which Fauble sells clothing. Purchased friends can never be relied upon as true and steadfast friends.

Ladies' dress goods in all styles for fall and winter at Meese's store, Bellefonte. Vote for Holt and McCormick next Tuesday, two honest, hardworking men. Buggy whips, horse blankets and robes at Boozer's harness rooms, Centre Hall.

John Harkness, formerly of this place, writes from Oradine, Neb., and says he wants the Reporter sent him. Rochester Clothing House in Reynolds's building, Bellefonte, for cheap clothing and gent's furnishing goods. Rev. Fischer will not be able to fill his appointments next Sabbath but expects to be able to hold services in two weeks or will have a supply instead.

It is said that J. A. Reesman has the largest and finest assortment of square parlor heaters to be found anywhere in this county. They are the celebrated Rosemount, Happy Greeting, Beaver and others. Thursday last, 25th, was the first bright day in six weeks. In the afternoon the sun shone warm as in summer, but alas! during the night came a change, and Friday, Saturday and Sunday, there was the same old chestnut—rain, rain, rain.

The Philad. Branch has opened up its fall stock of clothing. An immense stock of fall and winter overcoats can be found there for your inspection. They have overcoats in all styles, price and quality. Remember the Philad. Branch when in need of clothing.

Mrs. Mariah Masfit, of Gatesburg this county has been confined to her bed for the past sixteen years with spinal disease. She has suddenly recovered and has discharged her doctor and hired girl, and is now able to do her own work.

Reesman's exhibition of fine parlor heaters is worth seeing, as it comprises the latest designs and patterns. Many are sold already and others will soon be gone. The prices are lower this season

**OBITUARY.**

Sidney Bairfoot departed this life, peacefully, on last Friday morning, at his home in this place. He was a much respected young man, who spent the greater portion of his life in this town and vicinity, having, from his boyhood, had his home with D. C. Keller, with whom he engaged in the live stock business. About two years ago he was married to Flora, only child of Dr. P. D. Neff, and the couple soon after moved to Bellefonte, where Mr. Bairfoot carried on at bookstore. His health beginning to fail, they removed to their home in this place, where for a time he seemed to mend in health, but it was only a delusion, consumption held its grip and took off its victim. He was able to be about even on the day of his death, and the messenger called him away while resting upon a sofa, at night. His funeral took place on Monday, Rev. Earnest, Lutheran minister of Millinburg, conducting the services. His age was 32 years, 3 months and 16 days. He leaves a widow to mourn his loss.

**THANKS.**

The friends and neighbors will please accept my sincere and heartfelt thanks for their great kindness and sympathy to me, in my sorrow and bereavement. May the Father of the widow and orphans bless them for all they did. FLORA O. BAIRFOOT.

**ADDITIONAL LOCALS.**

Always advertise in the Reporter. Notice the change in Harper & Kreamer's ad. this week. Fancy trimming, braids, and gumps, gold and silver braid.—Germans. Read Pearlsten's new advertisement in another column.

New shades in blues, terra cotta, green and black, all weaves.—Germans. The ad of Achenback's bakery, at Bellefonte, appears in another column. A large assortment of horse blankets at Boozer's harness rooms, Centre Hall.

Priestley's silk warp henrietta, nothing to equal it in our leader in dress goods.—Germans. James Musser and wife, of Hartleton, Pa., registered at the hotel, on Monday.

Brand new overcoats and suits for fall and winter wear at Fauble's, Bellefonte. The hunt after deer has begun but not much venison yet. Election next Tuesday.

Trusses and shoulder braces, popular makes and designs, at Murray's Drug Store. We direct the attention of our readers to the ad of Bartholomew's store at the station.

Ladies' coats, an immense stock at lower prices than ever, at Meese's store, Bellefonte. You can get a suit made to order by Fleming the tailor, Bellefonte, at astonishing low prices.

G. E. Eichenhart, Spring Mills' creamery man, was in town Monday on a business trip. Gent's furnishing goods at reduced rates at Fauble's Rochester Clothing House, Bellefonte.

Horse blankets from 85 cents on up according to quality, at Boozer's harness rooms, Centre Hall. Esq. Rishel, of Farmers Mills, advertises sale of Jacob Shaffer's personal property for Nov. 17.

Keep in style by getting your clothes from Fleming, the fashionable tailor, Bellefonte. Services in the Lutheran church, of this place, next Sabbath evening, at the regular hour.

Ladies' dress goods in all styles for fall and winter, at Meese's store, Bellefonte. The Becker Washing Machine is one that will give entire satisfaction. We say so from a trial of it.

Mr. Aaron Durst, formerly of this place, now in Kansas, is visiting friends and relatives in this section. A lot of checks and stripes in dress goods, mainly gray and black, at 18, 22, and 28c, worth double.—Germans.

You can save a days wages every time by buying your boots and shoes at A. C. Mingle's store, Bellefonte. It is said that a new baking powder has been called "Old Hatch," because it takes the flour rise so easily.

The reputation of the Philadelphia Branch for cheap clothing is an established fact and can't be touched by any one in the county. Gov. Curtin left on Monday for New York state and will take an active part in the campaign until the election.

Powers' immense stock of boots and shoes and low prices is what makes things lively at their store at Bellefonte. Willis Burd, of Aaronsburg, has the pastoring of the Presbyterian church, of this place, and will begin the job next week.

Look here, young fellow, if you want to be nicely dressed, get your clothes made by Fleming, the tailor, Bellefonte. The W. C. T. Union will meet, Nov. 7, at 3 p. m., at Miss Aggie Murray's Centre Hall. All members will please attend. MARGIE THOMPSON, Pres't.

James Lingle is having 100 rods of galvanized iron pipe put down to replace old wooden pipe in the water route from the foot of the mountain to the farm. The Bear Meadows lumber operation has started a good local market for produce at Boalsburg, and every house in that town is now occupied—a boom on a small scale.

An Aaronsburg hunting party in the Paddy mountain region, this week, saw several fine deer, but got no venison, Edmunds, Meyer, Weaver and others were in the party. Don't fail to visit Meese's store, on Alleghany street, when shopping in Bellefonte. They have a fine line of goods and sell at bottom rates. Produce taken in exchange.

We add our testimony to the usefulness of the New Becker Washing Machine, of which J. A. Dunkle is the agent, along with others who have given it a trial. It beats any machine out. At Mingle's shoe store, Bellefonte, you will find anything in boots and shoes from the coarse and heavy boots to the finest ladies' dress gaiter. A complete stock and at prices you never

**PERLSTEIN'S STORE,**

**BELLEFONTE, PENNA.**

You are cordially invited to inspect PERLSTEIN'S fine Fall Stock. The largest and newest line of

**Fashionable Dress Goods**

in the town. The only exclusive Dry Goods store in town.

Nothing but Dry Goods, Notions, Dress Trimmings, and Furnishing Goods.

All goods marked in plain figures, and sold at one price.

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The best place in the valley for bargains.

New goods come every day and are gone the next, and keeps us busy replenishing stock. Our line of

**Fall and Winter Goods.**

is here and more coming. Ladies' Dress Goods, Dry Goods, Ladies' Coats, full line of Men's, Ladies' and Children's Underwear, Woolen Blankets, Robes, Clothing, Overcoats, just received. We have the nicest

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ever brought to the town. Full line of Lumbermen's Boots and Shoes; best assortment of Cook Stoves, with reversible cross-piece on the top.

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Highest market prices paid for all kinds of country produce at

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Bed Room Suits, Parlor Suits, Side Boards, Lounges, Tables, Bedsteads, Wood and Cane-Seat Chairs Undertaking a Specialty.

**Bargains! :-: New Goods!**

We are now prepared to have the public call at our store and inspect our new line of goods. They were selected with the greatest care and embrace an endless variety of new designs and patterns worn during the Fall and Winter seasons. Our line of Fancy Plaids, Tricots, Fall Prints, and All-Wool Suiting, are fine, and will please our early customers, and are selling rapidly. Woolen Blankets, Haps, Quilts, and many other goods.

**SPECIAL BARGAINS! —O—SPECIAL BARGAINS!**

Come and see the special bargains we are offering in Cashmere prices lower than ever. Our stock of Ready-Made Clothing, Overcoats, Gossamers, Gum Coats, is complete and will speak for themselves. Come and see the new goods at

**Harper & Kreamer's.**