LOCAL OPTION MEETING.

Col. Fortney and Lawyer Davis Spoke on the Subject Thursday Evening in Grange Arcadia

Grange Arcadia was well filled on Thursday evening by an earnest, appreciative audience in response to a call from some of our leading citizens for a meeting in the interests of Local Option. On motion of W. B. Mingle, Esq., W. W. Spangler was appointed chairman of the meeting, and called upon Rev. Daniel Gress to offer prayer. Col. D. F. Fortney, of Bellefonte, chairman of the County Local Option Committee, was then introduced and spoke clearly and forcibly on the political side of the question. He explained the nature of the primary election, and urged that each voter on the eleventh of April, cast his ballot for that one of the several candidates in his own party who, he had good reason to believe, if elected to the legislature, would work and vote for a law allowing the people to decide for themselves whether license to sell intoxicating beverages in their midst shall or shall not be granted. If possible the friends of Local Option in each party should concentrate their votes on one strong candidate.

The argument that the government needs the revenue from the rum traffic was met by figures showing that the revenue is a mere fraction of the actual cost to the country in cash. Of course the cost in manhood, in sorrow and in ing to Mr. Schenck were also burned. the drunkard alone who suffers from his sin-his family are deprived of bushels of wheat, one thousand bushfood, clothing and shelter. But the els of corn, from forty to fifty tons of curse does not stop even with the hay, five wagons, sleds, buggies, all his drunkard's family-everywhere his power to hurt and destroy is felt; everywhere he is a menace to comfort and safety; everywhere he lowers the in the regular machinery house. standard of manhood.

H. A. Davis, Esq., a prominent member of the Blair county bar and including everything, at about \$6,000, attorney for the Anti-Saloon League on which there was an insurance of of Pennsylvania, was then introduced. Mr. Davis has made a name for him- pany Mr. Rockey's loss is from \$1,000 self by his cool, steady, persistent work to \$1,500, and while he had some inin the interests of temperance. An surance at his old home he is not sure elder in the First Presbyterian church whether it would hold after having of Altoona his christian citizenship moved to a new location. Mr. Johnhas kent pace with his marked success son's loss is about \$700 while Mr. in his chosen profession. Since the Schenck's is over \$200. It was one of beginning of the present agitation he the worst fires of the kind ever occurhas been in great demand as a clear, ring in Centre county, with the bigge forcible, fair-minded exponent of Local Option from a Christian standpoint.

Mr. Davis is gifted with a clear, magnetic voice and attractive manner and had his hearers with him from start to finish. His arguments were grouped under three heads: First. Local Option means Home Rule We glory in the fact that we are a free people; what, then, is more reasonlocality should have the power to decide whether they shall or shall not have a saloon in their midst? We believe in the rule of the majority although it sometimes works, ill to the

minority. Second. Because the best efforts to control the sale of liquor—notably the Each packet contains one large trianginterested in the manufacture and sale of liquor are wonderfully adept in making the law subservient to their interests and they have no scruples

The third, the best, the highest reason for securing Local Option is that it is a long step toward Prolifbition. The history of the movement in other states showes us what can be done in ours-but for this dark blot the noblest of them all. Seven states now rejoice in state wide Prohibition, but in no state was this accomplished without mighty effort in the face of bitter opposition. Many other states are moving swiftly toward the same happy condition and indeed already some states they have the righteous law that no saloon can exist within three miles of a school house or church; the prescribed limit he wakes some morning to find a school or a little chapel close by and he must move and so they chase him out of the state.

"I," said the speaker, "am one who believes that 'a half loaf is better than no bread ;" if I can't get the whole loaf -Prohibition-I will take thankfully the half loaf-Local Option-in the full assurance that the larger blessing is only a little way farther on."

Both speakers made it clear that the present issue is not prohibition or no license, but simply an effort to secure for the people the right to decide for or against license. This should be kept such a law the people come to vote, in mind, for the liquor trade is making then will be the time to show whether great efforts to confuse voters. It ar- license is a good or an evil. The thing specially prepared by Weber Brothers, gues as if we were now called upon to to be done now is to send to Harris- and contains a variety of cracked vote for or against the saloon. That burg men who will permit the people grains suited for chicks and laying

A DISASTROUS CONFLAGRATION,

The Dempster Meek Barn at Waddle Burned With Great Loss to John B. Rockey, the Tenant.

The following is from the Watchman : One of the most disastrous fires and biggest losses in the destruction of a farm building was the burning of a large barn on the farm of Dempster L. Meek, on Thursday night of last week. On Thursday John B. Rockey, who rented Mr. Meek's farm for the coming year, moved his family and belongings there from the Divide in Curtin township. One of his old neighbors, Harry Johnson, assisted him in moving while several young women accompanied the iffitting in a buggy borrowed from a Mr. Schenck.

About ten o'clock Lester Meek, the young son of Mr. Meek, went out on the porch to see what the weather was like and was horrified to see the west end of the barn all in flames. He immediately gave the alarm and all the men hastily turned out to save the stock, if possible. Seven head of horses belonging to Mr. Meek were gotten out safely but by that time the flames had spread so rapidly and the big straw stack in front was all ablaze that the men were compelled to flee for their own safety.

Mr. Meek lost one two-year old colt, Mr. Rockey three horses, Harry Johnston his team of horses, for which he had just been offered \$500, his wagon, etc., and the horse and buggy belongdred bushels of oats, seven hundred corn, barley and rye. harness and all his smaller implements. The big farm machinery was about the only thing saved and it was

It is rather difficult to figure the loss accurately out Mr. Meek estimates his, less than fifty per cent. of that amount Although a comparatively young man in the Centre Hall fire insurance comgeneral loss.

First aid by P. R. R. Employes.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has undertaken a comprehensive plan of instructing its employes in the art of rendering "First Aid to the In ured." Lectures are to be given to employes all over the system, and the men have been notified that attendance apon the lectures and the interest shown in able than that the majority in any them will be considered when they are up for promotion.

The "First Aid" box, which has been adopted for general use, is made of tin, containing six first aid packets ; the box is sealed by adhesive plaster to prevent dust and other foreign matter from gaining access to the contents. ular bandage, one ordinary roller bandage, two compresses, and two safety pins. No drugs or liquors are provided. In order to insure the contents of the about resorting to political trickery made that whenever any of the conis replaced at once by a new sterilized and aseptic one.

To Revise Constitution.

Referring to the Bellefonte Hospital,

the Keystone Gazette says : A committee has been appointed to revise the constitution and by-laws of which the institution is now conductenjoy exemption from the rule of King being circulated in Bellefonte to be ed. With this end in view a petition is as well, who kindly elect me. placed before the committee on revision which will have an important D. F. Fortney, of Bellefonte, under bearing upon the future control of the then where the would-be destroyer has have the constitution and by-laws so changed as to give actual and direct Jared Harper and Paul D. Sheffer, in would direct that no physician be elected to any office in connection with from the number who have endorsed it, is meeting with popular approval.

[Continued from Previous Column.] cannot be till some time after a local to say what kind of influences shall hens. No better mixture to be had. the fire the father and mother both re-

THE PRIMARY ELECTION, APRIL 11, 2 TO 8 P, MA

If the voters would all heed the urgent appeals of the press in general there would be few to neglect voting at our primary elections and a fuller and better expression of the masses would be obtained than there often is. And the reasons given for urging this are valid and should be convincing.

Because the primaries virtually decide the class of men to be elected at the battle of the ballots, the real importance attaches to the contests. Many times complaint is made that the men in offices are not the best men for office. This complaint is idle if the citizen making it had not done his duty at the primaries. The citizen who fails to take part in nominating candidates and then complains they are not the men he would like to see offered for the suffrages of the electors is exposing his own failure to do his duty. At the primeries is the place to call to account men who have subverted their public trust. It is the place to meet the official who has not done his duty and tell him he is not wanted. It is the place to give encouragement to the faithful and lend him aid to remain in office.

The polls in every precinct in the county will be open between the hours of two and eight o'clock, Saturday, April 11th.

AFTER THE FARMER.

The Whiskey Men Try to Deceive the Paragraphs Picked from Exchanges Farmer in a Circular Mailed from Philipsburg.

The men who manufacture intoxiare after the farmers. It is the old trick. These men-the whiskey menare trying to deceive the farmer; they and his death is only a question of think he is too ignorant to reason for days. himself, and consequently the farmer is receiving a circular from Philipsand Dealers Club for the Brewers and Bottlers Trade, 192 & 194 E. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, telling

What a falsehood !

The truth is, if every brewery and every distillery in the United States would be closed there would be no loss to the farmer.

The passage of a Local Option law would have no more effect on the price of corn, barley and rye than a law to hang murderers by the use of a chain instead of a rope would have on the price of hemp.

The time has gone by when farmers will permit themselves to be deceived by any class of people telling them half-truthes.

Farmers, what do you think of a

sertion that farmers will lose money if

If the people of Centre county want urers and Dealers Club for the Brewers 11, and all agitational and organization until well. and Bottlers in Chicago?

Mr. Farmer, which would you rather

Raise corn, barley and rye to be made, into liquors and sold to your sons, and your neighbors' sons, and make hogs of them ;

Or, feed the corn, barley and rye to the hogs in your pen?

The one is killed when fat, sold in the market, and you enjoy the profits. The other-sometimes fat and sometimes lean-dies and goes to hell. Not very elegant, but the truth.

A Plea For support. To the Democratic Volcrs of Centre County

Owing to the fact that no other peron seemed to aspire for the Democratic nomination for the office of Recordtents of the tin boxes are used, the box er of Deeds until a lead deemed the usual preliminary canvas of the voters of the county unnecessary. But since it has been the pleasure of others to seek at this fate date, the nomination for the office for which I am a candidate, I realize that it will be impossible for me to call peronally upon all to present my claim. I am, therefore, obliged to make this public appeal for your earnest co-operthe Bellefonte Hospital, which work the place of a personal visit, and I will will be done in the near future so as to assure you if nominated and elected make them cover the conditions under my highest aim shall be to perform the duties of the office with fidelity and credit to myself and to the people my fitness to acceptably discharge the duties of the office, I most cordially request you to call upon ex postmaster hospital. This petition, in brief, is to assistant postmaster during his entire whom I had the honor of being his control of the institution to the business men of Bellefonte and vicinity. It elected to the office of Overseer of the Poor of Bellefonte, and my administration received the endorsement of for as soon as it alighted it remained at the hospital, nor to the board of managers, but in their stead the business men of the community occupy these places. This would make the latter responsible for its conduct and control in the future, which is thought to be the better plan. The movement, judging give me your vote and your most in the hospital, nor to the board of managers, but in their stead the business agers, but in their stead the business the people by re-electing me by a largely increased majority. My object the place until it was too dark to see it. The balance of the colony will be here soon.

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Bellefonte Daily News—

A. J. Cook, a distinguished fellow townsman, has just returned home from California and is much impossion to which he ment to fill the position to which he earnest support, for which I shall feel very grateful. I remain,

Yours very truly, THOS. HOWLEY,

hen Food and Chicks Feed.

Interest to Reporter Readers,

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Democratic Watchman-Information comes from Youngscants and the men who sell the stuff town Ohio, in effect that Jacob Runkle, formerly of this place, is so ill of Brights disease that he cannot recover,

In putting down a shaft near Philipsburg the other day the Monarch burg, published by the Manufacturers | Coal company struck a flow of natural gas at a depth of 250 feet and now mempers of the Allegheny Oil and Gas companyin which Col. Taytor, of Bellehim (the farmer) that if Local Option fonte, and Christ Sharer, of Hannah, heart cannot be estimated. It is not In addition Mr. Meek lost five hun-

visions of millions coming their way. Four well known young men, James C. Furst, John Curtin, and Edward Harper, of Bellefonte, and H. Laird Mr. Walker has been confined to his in Centre county will be open from Curtin, of Curtin, bought out the firm bed. His injury is in his back, and the two until eight o'clock. of Morrison & Glen, general merchants results are problematical. of Curtin, and organized a stock com pany to be known as the Baid Eagle Supply company, under which name the store will continue in the future, was also severely bruised. with Edward Harper as general man-

of Boalsburg, to Miss Emma G. Gear- Walker home, west of Centre Hall, heart, of Danville. The young lady is was reached, Dr. Allison was summonan instructor of music at Bucknell ed, and the following day Dr. Harris, class of men engaged in a business con- University. The prospective groom is of Bellefonte, the Pennsylvania Railducted behind screened windows and well known in Penns Valley, being road physician for this district, also screened doors telling you your duty? the salesman for the Harrisburg Cas- examined the patients. Take the screen from before the bar ket Co., and also aspirant for the Re- When the engineer saw the obstruc-

zens who favor local option to remain to rear in the air, but landed on the the brewers and distilleries close, and away from the Legislative primaries track again. The train was backed, on April 11, and thereby permit the and every possible assistance rendered liquor candidates to secure a place on to the injured persons, offering at the to the following Centre county soldiers: to do away with the liquor traffic, the tickets for the fall election. The same time to take them to the hospital Patrick Fitzimmons, Bellefonte, \$10; time for intelligent action is on April and there see that they were cared for efforts must be directed toward getting out the decent citizenship of the state at that time.

Millheim Journal-

of her sister, Mrs. William Swartz.

this place Wednesday morning.

ters left for Towanda Tuesday, where sure-seekers to the park. they will spend several months with relatives.

William Duck, a student at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, is spending his spring vacation at his in building, a population greater by

home in this place. high school of Millheim, closed the in the debt of the city, a falling off of term Tuesday, and left for Perkiomen,

where he will teach a summer term. Mrs. W. H. Weaver, of Philadelphia, results obtained in Kansas City, Kan.,

er, Daniel Hoy, is lying seriously ill. David Stoner, of Tusseyville, spent a short time in town Tuesday, visiting his father, John Stoner, who has almost recovered from a severe injury from a fall several weeks ago.

Daniel L. Geary and family left wednesday morning for their new old Democratic stock, and has spent home at New Port, Ps. Their many all his life in Centre county. He was tre Hall, Friday and Saturday, having Wednesday morning for their new friends were sorry to see them leave educated in the common schools, and Millheim, as they had been residents here for many years.

Last Thursday evening the first martin of the colony that every year comes to Millheim, made its appearance. It Journal. He has hosts of friends all Democratic party at the fall election. place. The bird must have flown from a great distance and seemed very tired, is best known stands higher. He is a for as soon as it alighted it remained at Past Chief of the Knights of the Gold-

from California and is much improved in health.

Miss Nettie Shope, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Reynolds Shope, was severely burned at her home on Thomas street Thursday night. She had lit a match in the cellar and had thrown it behind her, thinking it was out. However it caught fire to her clothing and before it was noticed she was wrapped in flames. In their efforts to smother option law is enacted. When under surround their homes, good or bad. Sold in any quantities from 10 pounds succeeded in extinguishing the flames.

TRAIN AND VZHICLE COLLIDE

At Rhone's Crossing, West of Centre Hall-William Walker and Two Children In-

William Walker and two children, Miss Florence, aged about seventeen and Raymond, aged thirteen years, And that is what is needed. narrowly escaped being ground to death by the west bound passenger at Rhone's crossing, west of Centre Hall, on the Lewisburg & Tyrone railroad, Friday evening. There was a miraculous escape of life, but each of the three was injured to some extent, the great. est infliction falling upon the father. whe is in the prime of life, being thirty-five years of age, and may eventual- farm residence, near Centre Hill. ly recover from them.

The trio were returning from the was a terrific wind blowing, and on 13th inst. reaching the railroad crossing neither ing. The vehicle had almost cleared the of burns. track, when the engine struck the rear wheels, crushing them, and hurling 17, 1854, snow fell to the depth of twenment. The occupants were thrown from their seat, the boy landing some ten or twelve feet distant, and between him and the father lay the sister, who was the first to gain her feet. She went to render assistance to her father and found him lying on his back pool, this state. over an old railroad tie, but her strength was insufficient to raise him injured man was lifted up, when it was gine house repairs, etc. discovered he was able to stand. The unfortunate ones were then conveyed to their homes by friends, and since

Miss Walker was bruised on many parts of the body, and the boy had a tooth knocked from his lower jaw and

Dr. Robison, of State College, happened to be on the train, and made a Announcement has been made of hasty examination of the trio immedthe engagement of Charles E. Fisher, lately upon alighting, and when the

Take the screen from before the as- It will be an absurdity for our citi- versed causing the ponderous machine

State Graduates Dine.

Living in and around Bellefonte there are 60 graduates of Pennsylvania Iron, were in town Wednesday of last Miss Sarah Beirly, a trained nurse of State ollege. These have banded Philadelphia, is visiting at the home themselves together into what is known as the Bellefonte Alumni Asso- James W. Runkle. From here they Prof. S. Ward Gramley, principal of ciation of this institution. Friday even- went to Curtin to attend the wedding the Wilkinsburg schools, arrived in ing they held their first banquet at of their son, John C. Osman, mention the Nittany country Club at Hecla of which is made elsewhere in this Mrs. W. S. Shelton and two daugh- Park. A special train carried the plea-

Kansas City a Dry City.

An increase of millions of dollars in bank deposits, an unparalelled activity against boys under the age of sixteen 11,000, an unprecedented prosperity in T. J. Geist, who was principal of the all lines of business, a marked decrease nearly 30 per cent. in the number of homicides-these are the remarkable pent Thursday night in this place, on in the twenty-one months since June, her way to Wolfs store, where her fath- 1906, when every saloon in it was

Kind Words for a Caudidate.

Speaking of the candidacy of F. P. Musser, for the office of Recorder, the Philipsburg Journal says :

Mr. Musser was born and raised in as a justice of the peace of Millheim, over the county, and probably no man

New Idea Manure Spreader,

This is the name of a manure spreader built on new principles. If you H. Emerick, east of Centre Hall, passcortemplate buying a spreader, call ed her eighty-fourth birthday with her and examine the "New Idea" before children, Mrs. Emerick and J. C. Harmaking your purchase. Its main new per, of Bellefonte. Mrs. Harper. is the features are lightness of draft; large daughter of James Magee, and was bed and low cost.

Also a full line of farm machinery of all kinds.

J. H. & S. E. WEBER.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mr. Davis set the people thinking.

The open season for brook trout begins April 15 and closes with the night of July 31.

An occasional industry is opening after a shut-down of some months. Very welcome news this.

Adam C. Ripka signed a contract for a Bell telephone to be placed in his

The senior class of the Centre Hall High School will hold their graduation Frazier sale in a closed buggy. There exercises in the Grange Hall, Monday,

Dr. J. Wireback, of Monessen, of them observed the approaching train | brother-in-law of Dr. P. S. C. Fisher, nor heard the regulation whistle warn of Zion, died recently from the effect

ty-one inches, and two days thereafter it disappeared entirely.

Andrew H. Stahl, father of the wife of Dr. C. P. Leitzel, of Dakota, Illinois, died at her home, aged eighty-seven years. Mr. Stahl was born in Liver-

At a special election Lewisburg voted to increase its indebtedness \$25,to his feet. Frank Mayes happened 000. The funds will be used for the along just then, and by his efforts the extension of the sewage system, en-

The primary election will be held for both Democrats and Republicans, Sat-

The dwelling house of Harry Horner who lives in High valley east of Coburn, caught fire and was totally destroyed. This is a heavy loss to Mr. Horner as there was but little insurance on the property.

Miss Grace Boyer and brother E. W. Boyer, of Hartleton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wagner, last week. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Boyer, well known on the south side of Potter township.

The Presbytery of Huntingdon holds its Spring meeting in the Broad Avenand its hideousness will be apparent. publican nomination for assemblyman. tion on the track, the engine was re-Schuyler and G. L. Goodhart are the commissioners from the Sinking Creek

Pensions have recently been granted John B. McKean, Howard, \$15; Lewis Mensch, Aaronsburg, \$20; David M. Lane, Sandy Ridge, \$12; John E. Emel, Bellefonte, original, \$8.

Mr. and Mrs Calvin Osman, of Glen week, and while here were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Crawford and

A "Juvenile Court" has been created in Centre county by President Judge Ellis L. Orvis. There are now pending a number of criminal charges years, and these will be heard, most likely, at a sitting of the court. The Juvenile Court was established under an act of May, 1903.

W. H. Smith, of Madisonburg, was a caller Monday, having just recovered from a nine weeks illness. Mr. Smith's son-in law, Evans Yearick, took pneumonia at the time of his moving, but is also up and around again, leaving Anna Smith, a daughter, the only sick person in the family. The young lady has been in delicate health for three or more years.

J. C. Harper, the Bellefonte insur-Millheim, and comes from the genuine ance agent, was the guest of his sister, tre Hall, Friday and Saturday, having also an alumnus of the Franklin and come here to be with his aged mother Marshall College, of Lancaster. He is now serving his third consecutive term as a justice of the peace of Millheim.

The constitution governing the Bellefonte Hospital is about to be revised. The institution is a county affair, at least it is generally so supposed, and if that supposition is correct, the reference made by one of the local papers to the revising of the constitution either fails to clearly express the intentions of those who have the matter in hand, or else local pride has consumed good judgement.

Mrs. Jane Harper, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. George born at Forrest Hill, Union county, but came to Brush Valley with her parents early in her life. For many years she has lived near Centre Hall.