The Centre Democrat.

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D. F. FORTNEY, Chairman.

Local Department.

—The festival at the "Wigwam" last Thursday evening was a pleasant affair.

—Have you yet broken those good resolutions you made at the beginning of this year?

—Most people of late have seemed to think that a death by suffocation is preferable to one by freezing.

—On and after this date, overcoats will be sold at cost at Newman's Eagle Clothing Hall. Remember this. 2-tf

—No meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held to-morrow night because of the week of prayer.

—Try Isaac Haupt's two for 5 cent cigars. Those that have tried them say they are equal to any 5 cent cigar in town.

—Mr. Edward Garman is attending Crittenden's Business College, corner Twelfth and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia.

—We are informed by Mr. Leonard Rhone that the Centre County Pomona Grange will meet at Centre Hall on Tuesday, January 14. There will be three sessions, viz: at 10 A. M., 2 and 7 P. M.

—It was the universal opinion that Friday last was the coldest day ever experienced; and we shall continue to think so, all assertions of statisticians to the contrary notwithstanding; yea, even if our worthy Pilgrim fathers should rise from their graves and tell us that the Mayflower saw colder days.

—The musical convention and concert at Jacksonville last week is reported a success. The unusual severity of the weather prevented the attendance from being so large as it otherwise would have been. The programme for the Saturday night concert is spoken of with enthusiasm by those who had the pleasure of hearing it.

—The Presbyterian Sabbath-school of this place is in good circumstances, possessing Building Association stock and having a balance of over $400 in the treasury. On last Sunday it voted $50 to the Board of Publication for the purpose of buying books and other necessaries for Sunday-schools not so well situated.

—The collections in the Presbyterian Sabbath-school of this place during the present month are to be devoted to purchasing necessaries for the needy in our midst. A commendable object, and parents sending their children to that Sunday-school and who possess the means should see that they are well equipped with small change.

—We venture to assert, without having been present, that ex-Sheriff Shaffer's hospitable home, in Nittany Valley, was the scene of as much innocent hilarity and real happiness on Christmas day as could have been found in any other home in Centre county. A twenty-four pound turkey, as we learn from "M. M.," in the Clinton *Democrat*, furnished the feast.

—We direct attention to the terms of the Harrisburg daily and weekly *Patriot*, published in another column of this paper. Persons desiring a newspaper from the capital of the State cannot do better than to send for the *Patriot*. It is an ably edited journal, always filled with fresh news, and, during the session of the Legislature, contains full and accurate daily reports of the proceedings of both houses.

—Williamsport is happy over its Loan Art Exhibition. Among the novel and curious things that attract attention we notice in the *Gazette and Bulletin* a reference to a piece of a tree, called the Holy Cross Tree, in the centre of which is the perfect form of a Maltese Cross. The specimen on exhibition was sent from Brazil to Capt. D. B. Else, by Mr. Clarence Johnston, well known in Bellefonte.

—Some of our sportsmen have shown evidence of extraordinary marksmanship during the past season, but we have heard of none more successful than Mr. George Gross. He, with his equally celebrated setter dog, "Sport," has killed eighty-two pheasants and thirty-five rabbits. He is not satisfied with killing these animals by the dozen, but, true to his name, he literally destroys them by the *gross*. We advise these poor creatures to band together into an alliance offensive and defensive, and when this natural enemy of theirs comes around armed with his gun and accompanied by this famous dog, to scamper away as fast as possible.

A FARM HOUSE BURNED NEAR JACKSONVILLE.—The farm house on one of the farms belonging to the estate of the late Thomas Huston, a short distance above Jacksonville, burned on Friday night last and came very near consuming with it the entire family of Mr. Andrew McClintock, the occupant. Mr. McClintock retired about the usual time, but Mrs. M., on account of the extreme cold, remained up an hour or two later, keeping the fires going. Soon after retiring and getting to sleep, Mr. and Mrs. M. were both awakened by the smell of smoke, and found the room and entire house filled with it. Hastily waking their two little children, they grasped the clothing on the beds they were occupying and groped their way through the smothering smoke to the open air just in time to avoid being cut off by the flames. A boy who was sleeping in another part of the house, started for the stairs, but was met and turned back by the flames, and made his escape through one of the second story windows. None of the party saved any portion of their clothing except the night dresses which they wore. The cold was fearful, and in a few moments—almost seconds—Mrs. McClintock, while trying to wrap her two little girls in the bedding they had brought out with them, and thus protect them, had her feet terribly frozen. In a short time help arrived from Mr. McCalmont's and other neighbors. Horses were hitched and the chilled sufferers taken to the hospitable home of Mrs. Bealtey, where they were kindly cared for. The building was totally destroyed, and was, we are informed, without insurance. Mr. McClintock lost all the personal and household effects of himself and family, and is left literally naked in the world. He had an insurance of $600 upon his property. The entire family are now at the house of Mrs. McClintock's father, Abram Peifer, Esq., near Howard, and it is hoped that with careful treatment Mrs. M. will in time recover entirely the use of her feet. We learn that our townsman, Mr. John Mason Duncan, who was visiting at Mrs. Bealtey's, acquitted himself nobly in assisting to care for the sufferers.

REV. HEWITT'S TABERNACLE.—The old Tabernacle which our Hebrew brethren used to tote around with them entirely disappeared over a thousand years ago; but the one Mr. Hewitt had on exhibition last Friday night is brand new. We should judge by his remarks that it came as a sort of an elephant on his hands, and so he, last Friday night, politely invited everybody to the Court House to "see his elephant"—for twenty-five cents per head! At the time the Court House bell called the people together the thermometer indicated 100° below zero and still a freezing, and so many people preferred to remain in their own comfortable "tabernacles" at home. But those who safely reached the Court House were amply repaid for their efforts, for it was one of the first warm places we had encountered that day. How the managers ever succeeded in making that Court House so comfortable on a night like that is a wonder even to wise fellows like ourselves. We were also surprised at the size of the audience, which must have numbered two hundred. But this grateful heat was not the only thing which repaid those who attended, as Rev. Hewitt had a really fine model of that ancient structure to exhibit. He placed the various parts of the Tabernacle in their proper position in view of the audience, offering as he did so an explanatory lecture. He showed how every part of the Tabernacle is symbolical in its minutest particular, and how interesting and instructive a study it is to search out their different significations. But it would take many nights to thoroughly understand so intricate a subject. Lectures and exhibitions of this character are perhaps more beneficial in every way than any that could be placed before the public.

DEATH OF A CENTENNARIAN.—On Tuesday morning, December 31, 1878, the venerable Mrs. Jane M. Burroughs died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Irvin, in Lock Haven, at the remarkable age of 100 years, 5 months and 7 days. The following extract is taken from the notice of her death, which appeared in the Clinton *Democrat* of last week: "It will be remembered by our readers that her 100th birthday was celebrated on the 24th of last July, when the pretty and venerable old lady was called upon by many citizens, and received with evident pleasure. She was born at Yardleyville, Bucks county, Pa., July 24, 1778. Her maiden name was Jane M. Matthews. She married at 19. Her husband died many years ago. They had seven children, and there are sixteen grand-children, thirty-six great-grand-children, and four great-great-grand-children. She had three daughters living in the same house with her—Mrs. Irvin, in her 61st year; Mrs. Dalrymple, 64; and Mrs. Wilson, aged 75.

—What might have been a serious runa-way occurred just as the afternoon mail train arrived on Saturday. A team of horses belonging to Mr. Michael Grove and attached to a light sled, took fright, probably at the train, and rushed rapidly down High street and out Water, dragging behind them the sled, occupied by a lady and gentleman. The animals were brought to a halt when they had reached the spring, and after the occupants had fastened the harness and gathered up some articles that had fallen along the road in the rapid flight, they once more resumed their seats and drove on their way rejoicing at the fortunate escape.

MURPHY MEETING.—The meeting of the Murphy Temperance Society, last Thursday evening, was one of unusual interest. Owing to the extreme severity of the cold the attendance was limited, but those who were there were amply repaid for their trouble. The meeting was called to order by the President, Judge Orvis. The devotional exercises were performed by Mr. H. Y. Stitzer. The roll was called and minutes of the last meeting read by the Secretary, Mr. D. Gray. By vote, the hour of meeting was fixed at 7:30 P. M. Remarks for the good of the temperance cause then being in order, Judge Orvis proceeded to give some facts in relation to the liquor traffic in our town, which are in their calculations simply appalling. The Judge had promised to show by statistics that the liquor traffic in Bellefonte cost more in a direct manner than the total amount expended for the poor, for school purposes and religion, including churches and Sunday-schools, and he abundantly demonstrated it to be a fact. He said that the amount of the poor tax levied in the borough was $4,500. Add to this the relief afforded by charitable citizens to the poor outside of the poor tax, estimated at $4,500 more, making in all $9,000 for the relief of the poor. The amount of school tax levied is $9,000. Add to this $4,500 more expended in private schools and by sending children away to school, and we have $13,500 devoted to school purposes. Estimate the very liberal amount, $22,500, for the support of churches and Sunday-schools, including all expenses, and we have a total of $45,000 expended for these three purposes—poverty, education and religion. By carefully gathered data taken from the accounts of the different licensed bars of this borough, the Judge clearly showed that the cost to the consumers of the malt and spirituous liquors sold in these eight licensed places in our town is $34,430. Add to this the direct losses to the community of the labor, grain and other valuables wasted in its manufacture and sale, which amount to $19,000, and we have the direct expense of the liquor traffic in Bellefonte to the consumer and the community generally, $53,000, or $8,500 more than is expended for charity, education and religion. The Judge did not take into this account any indirect losses in Court expenses arising from the continual criminal cases brought on by the use of intoxicating drink, or other consequential damage to the community from the same source.

Upon motion, the Judge was unanimously requested to prepare these statistics in proper form for publication in the various newspapers for the enlightenment of the public upon this question, which he promised to do at as early a time as his duties would allow him.

This week being the week of prayer, no meeting of this society will be held until Thursday, January 16.

JOHN ARDELL'S LUMBER OPERATIONS.—A gentleman who lately visited the lumber camps on Youngwomans and Kettle creeks has given his observations to the Renovo *Record*. In relation to one of the operations of our enterprising and energetic fellow townsman, Mr. John Ardell, Jr., he speaks as follows: "The next camp coming in order is Mr. Purseley's. We arrived there after a hard and tiresome tramp. The camp was nearly vacated, the only persons being there were Billy McEwen, the cook, and his assistant, who were preparing the evening meal. The contractor on this job is Mr. John Ardell, Jr., a gentleman well known to all lumbermen of the West Branch. He is putting in at various points 24,000,000. Mr. Purseley is the general superintendent of this job. He is getting in 3,000,000. He is about half done, and has good prospects of finishing up at an early date. This job is farther north than the others on the creek, where the snow lasts much longer. Mr. Purseley is well and popularly known all along the creek. He is young, active and full of pluck, and knows no such word as fail. He is ably assisted by his brother, Mr. Wm. Reed Purseley."

CENTENNIAL CLUB ANNIVERSARY.—The third annual anniversary of the Centennial Temperance Club was held last Wednesday evening in the Court House, in Bellefonte. This club was formed in 1876, and is composed of men who had been intemperate to a greater or less degree within six months of the time of their joining the organization. The exercises commenced about eight o'clock with a song by the choir, followed with a prayer by Rev. Yocum. After this followed the report of the Secretary and Treasurer, showing 158 members in good standing. Two hundred and fifty dollars have been disbursed by the club in the interest of the good cause since the first organization of the club. Ninety-nine dollars in the treasury, and not a dollar of indebtedness exhibits a financial condition which might be coveted by any organization. The annual address was delivered by Rev. Yocum in excellent style and was well received by the members. Following were five-minute speeches by Judge Orvis, W. F. Bailey, Col. Blair, Stewart Lyon, Durbin Gray and Rev. Laurie, after which the meeting adjourned with prayer and benediction by Rev. Laurie. The attendance was not so large as it should have been owing to the fact that prayer meeting was held in many of the churches, and sermons delivered in others. The Centennial club has reason to be proud of its record in the past, and deserves the hearty co-operation of our citizens in its effort to "rescue the perishing."

Court Proceedings.

At the argument court, which convened on the 31st of December last, and continued up to the 6th instant, the following cases were disposed of in the several courts of Centre county:

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT.—*In the estate of Samuel Walters:* A rule was granted on Solomon Vonada, administrator, to show cause why an attachment should not issue, in consequence of his failing, neglecting or refusing to file his account as such administrator, in pursuance of a citation so to do. January 3d, 1879, attachment awarded.

In the estate of Elizabeth Bartholomew, deceased.—A rule on Jesse Swartz and Henry Bartholomew, administrator, to show cause why an attachment should not issue, in consequence of their failing, neglecting or refusing to file their account as such administrators, in pursuance of a citation so to do. January 3d, 1879, attachment awarded.

In the matter of the exceptions filed to the Auditor's report, in the estate of Peninah Kephart, deceased. January 3d, 1879, exceptions dismissed, because not filed in time, and report confirmed.

In the matter of the exceptions filed to the Auditor's report, in the estate of Jacob Stover, deceased. January 3d, 1879, argued.

In the matter of the exceptions filed to the Auditor's report, in the estate of J. Boak, deceased. January 6th, 1879, argued.

In the Court of Common Pleas, the following cases were disposed of: Wm. Witmer vs. H. Pennington. Rule on plaintiff to show cause why judgment should not be opened. Dec. 31st, 1878, rule discharged.

John Jamison vs. Peter Keichline. Rule on plaintiff to show cause why judgment should not be satisfied. December 31st, 1878, rule made absolute.

A. W. Hafer vs. North British and Mercantile Insurance Company. Rule on defendants to show cause why the order removing record to United States Court should not be stricken off. December 31st, 1878, rule discharged.

E. S. Dorworth vs. W. A. Young and terre tenants. Rule granted to set aside service as to J. W. Young, terre tenant. Rule made absolute, January 2d, 1879.

In the matter of exceptions to remonstrance to road in Spring township. January 2d, 1879, exceptions dismissed.

H. Brockerhoff vs. D. Johnson & Sons. Rule granted on Brockerhoff to show cause why service of summons should not be set aside. December 21st, 1878, rule made absolute.

Henry Osman vs. Peter Solt. Rule on plaintiff to show cause why judgment should not be opened and reduced. January 2d, 1879, rule made absolute, unless Osman agrees that the exception clause in the judgment be stricken out, in which case, rule shall be discharged.

Daniel Durst vs. A. Krumrine. Motion in arrest for judgment and for a new trial. December 31st, 1878, reasons for new trial over-ruled and judgment to be entered upon verdict, upon the payment of jury fee.

Overseers of Spring township vs. Overseers of College township. Appeal from order of removal. January 2d, 1879, appeal sustained and order of removal reversed at the cost of College township.

Overseers of Potter township vs. Overseers of Gregg township. Appeal from order of removal, argued January 3d, 1879, C. A. V.

Overseers of Harris township vs. Overseers of Potter township—Appeal from order of removal, January 2d, 1879. Appeal sustained, order of removal reversed at cost of Potter township.

In the matter of the rule to show cause why the Independent School District in Gregg township should not be abolished. December 31st, 1878, argued.

John Harrison vs. A. V. Miller and Joseph Ross, 4 Plu. Fi. Fa. January 2d, 1879, argued C. A. V.

J. R. Muffly vs. Cyrus Gordon—Rule on plaintiff to strike off transferred record. December 31st, 1878, rule made absolute.

W. S. Sterrett, garnishee of Simon Friedman, plaintiff in error vs. Henry Schmidt, defendant in error. Certiorari to Wm. Riddle and to J. F. Shoop, justice of the peace. January 2d, 1879, exceptions over-ruled and proceedings of justice sustained.

Overseers of Haines township vs. Overseers of Penn township, appeal from order of removal. January 2d, 1879, appeal sustained and order of removal reversed at the cost of Harris township.

A. J. Bigony & Co., vs. Samuel Pletcher. Rule on defendant to strike off appeal. December 31st, 1878, rule discharged.

Davis Henry vs. Isaac Haupt and Catherine Haupt, his wife. Rule on "Henry" to open judgment as to Isaac Haupt and strike off judgment as to Catherine Haupt. December 31st, 1878, rule discharged as to Isaac Haupt, but made absolute as to Catherine Haupt and judgment against her stricken off and vacated.

H. Powers vs. G. Dorsey Green and wife. Rule on plaintiff to strike off lien, because of the defects in the Mechanics Lien as filed, January 3d, 1879, rule made absolute and lien stricken off.

In the matter of exceptions to road in Haines township January 3, 1879, argued.

CONTINUANCE OF CAUSES.—The following rules of Court were adopted December 17, 1878:

No cause placed on the trial list of the Prothonotary, and posted in his office in accordance with rule 113, shall be continued by consent of the parties or their attorneys, without an order of the Court or a Law Judge thereof, previously had and obtained and filed with the Prothonotary: Provided, That before such order shall be granted, it shall be shown to the Court or Judge, that the opposition party had notice of the intended application for such order.

No cause once placed on the argument list, and set down for argument by the Prothonotary in the argument docket, shall be continued by consent of the parties, or their attorneys, without an order of the Court or a Law Judge thereof previously had and obtained, and filed with the Prothonotary: Provided, That before such order shall be granted, it shall be shown to the Court or Judge, that the opposite party had notice of the intended application for such order.

C. A. MAYER, P. J.
JNO. H. ORVIS, A. L. J.

—Isaac Haupt has added to his stove and casting trade and tinware manufactory a cigar manufactory for the wholesale and retail trade. He is also prepared to sell chewing tobacco and coal oil as cheap for cash as at any other place.

—There will be a supper given by the Lutheran congregation of this place on the evening of December 28. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the congregation.

—The new Board of Commissioners met at their office on Monday afternoon and made the following appointments: For Clerk, Henry Beck, continued; Attorney, C. M. Bower, Esq., continued; Physician, J. H Dobbins, continued; Janitor, B. Galbraith, contined. The new board of Commissioners will meet regularly at their office on the first and third Mondays of each month.

—On New Year's day, Mr. Hopper, the kind-hearted host of the Bush House, gave a noble expression of sympathy for the wants of suffering humanity by inviting the members of the Bellefonte press gang to partake of a dinner at his admirably conducted hotel. On the table around which the hungry editors were seated appeared a feast fit for kings The kind entertainer had correctly estimated the capacity of his guests, and the supply of good things was accordingly bountiful. All did ample justice to the hospitality of Mr. Hoppes, and voted the Bush House a first class place for a good dinner.

Address of the Retiring Chairman of the Democratic County Committee.

To the Democratic voters of Centre County:

At the Democratic County Convention, held in September, 1877, the delegates saw proper to select me to serve in the position of chairman of the county committee, for the year 1878. I accepted the position in good faith, determined to discharge the duties and meet the responsibilities of the situation, to the best of my ability, and with the single purpose of promoting the welfare and success of our party. When I entered upon the discharge of these duties, one year ago, I did not anticipate an unusually exciting campaign, nor any unusual disaffection, nor factiousness in the party; and now, in looking back over the past year, I can confidently assert that nothing which I, as chairman of the county committee did, is to any degree, chargeable with this disaffection and factiousness which exhibited themselves during the year.

It is true that very large county and district tickets were to be nominated and elected, and there were many candidates for every nomination. The canvass prior to the delegate elections, was long, zealous, and unfortunately, in some instances, bitter. The consequence was that when the nominations were made, there were a large number of disappointed aspirants, who, in many instances, had become bitter against their successful competitors, and some of whom felt unwilling to acquiesce in the decision of the Convention. The number of candidates who thus violated their pledge to submit to the rules of the party, was fortunately very small; most of the gentlemen who failed to make the nominations they respectively asked, cheerfully and zealously supported the entire ticket, thus proving themselves worthy of the future confidence and support of the party.

I would suggest that the party, as far as practicable, discountenance the custom which has become so prevalent, in the last few years, of candidates canvassing the county for weeks before the delegate elections. It is a great expense and loss of time to the candidates, a source of infinite annoyance to the people; while, in many instances, the candidates when thus travelling over the county, are not satisfied with merely advocating their own claims, but spend their time in deprecating the claims, and assailing the character of other candidates, thus laying the foundation for general dissatisfaction with the ticket, when nominated. The announcement of the candidacy of a person in the newspapers of the county, should be sufficient. Whether a standing rule of the party upon this subject would be advisable, I am not prepared to say.

The existence of the Greenback organization, as a third party, in this county, drawing as it did some four or five hundred votes from our party, came near leaving us in the minority: and gave a chance to the opposition, whenever they would unite, to elect their candidates. The republicans were willing to seize this opportunity, and sacrifice all their pretended principles for the mere purpose of defeating the democratic ticket. They thus supported the greenback candidate for Congress, for Senator, for Assembly and for county Treasurer; but owing to the general zeal and fidelity of our people, this combination failed to carry the county for anything. Yet this combination of honest-money republicans, with inflation repudiationists, was strong enough, when aided by the treason of a few pretended democrats, and by a corrupt use of money, to defeat our candidate for Congress. That these allies of the enemy, who have heretofore asked and received the support and recognition from our party, will hereafter be recognized and treated as they deserve, I have an abiding confidence.

To the corps of able young speakers, who canvassed the county, and to the many other zealous and faithful democrats, who aided in the assiduous labors of the campaign, I am under many obligations. To the members of the vigilance committees of the various sub-districts, and to most of the members of the county committee, I return my sincere thanks for their very efficient labors. The very few members of the county committee, who betrayed the trust reposed in them by the party they professed to belong to, and treacherously gave aid and assistance to the enemy, I leave to the future tender mercies of the party, and to the pangs of their own consciences.

Having, fellow democrats, discharged to the best of my abilities, the trust you reposed in me for the allotted time, I gladly resign it into the hands of my duly appointed successor, and bespeak for him your earnest support and confidence.

J. P. GEPHART, *Chairman.*

Bellefonte, Dec. 31, 1878.

MARRIAGES.

THOMPSON—BROWER.—At the M. E. parsonage at Milesburg, by Rev J. B. Shaver, on the 4th instant, Mr. Joseph Thompson, of Chestnut Grove, to Miss Jennie Brower, of Union township, both of Centre county, Pa.

MALLORY—WIAN.—At the Baptist parsonage, by Rev. W. A. Biggart, on Tuesday, December 31, 1878, Mr. George M. Mallory to Miss Emma Wian, both of Bellefonte, Pa.

CORRELL—SWARTZ.—At the residence of the bride's mother, on December 10, 1878, by Rev W. H. Lewis, Mr. J. P. Correll, of Easton, Pa., and Miss Beckie Swartz, of Hublersburg, Centre county, Pa.

BAILEY—GLENN.—On the 24th instant, by Dr Hamill, Mr. Scott Bailey to Miss Lizzie, daughter of Mr. James Glenn, all of College township.

DEATHS.

HEATON.—On December 22, 1878, Mrs. Alletha Heaton, wife of Enoch Heaton, aged 68 years, 7 months and 22 days.