

The Centre Democrat.

Thursday Morning, June 26, 1879.

CORRESPONDENCE containing important news, selected from any part of the country. No communications inserted unless accompanied by the real name of the writer.

Local Department.

—Young America is now firing off his patriotism.

—Mid-summer moonlight is shining gloriously.

—The market for Snow Shoe coal is said to be good.

—Mrs. John Ardell is visiting in New York State.

—Twenty-nine arrivals at the Bush House on Wednesday.

—Coleville Sunday school enjoyed a day in the woods last Friday.

—Twenty-seven arrivals at the Brockerhoff House on Saturday last.

—Miss Carrie Vosburg is again at home after her prolonged visit in Philadelphia.

Mr. C. A. Lindsey is erecting his cigar and fruit store on the bridge over the race.

—The fence surrounding the district school house has received a fresh coat of whitewash.

—Mr. George Hale, of New York, is spending his usual summer vacation in this place.

—The Brockerhoff House gives a free lunch to its guests every morning between 10 and 12 o'clock.

—Immense numbers of people are now traveling to and fro from commenments, and the summer resorts.

—Mr. Peter Herdic, Williamsport's favorite (?) son, arrived on the train from Lock Haven last Monday.

—Among the students who have returned from Princeton College is Mr. Harry Orbison, of this place.

—Mr. Charles Scifroyer and family were in town on Monday. Charley departed for the West on Tuesday afternoon.

—In the game of base ball played between the Milesburg and Bellefonte clubs on Saturday, the score stood 53 to 15 in favor of Bellefonte.

—The Millheim Hotel offers pleasant accommodations to all travelers in that direction. The advertisement can be found in another column.

—Mayor Woods, we believe the first mayor Williamsport ever had, passed through this place on Monday night, and is now a guest at State College.

—Two horses were recently attacked by a vicious bull on the farms of James S. and Robert McCalmont, in Marion township. One was badly injured.

—Mr. Conley Plotts, once connected with the Williamsport *Gazette* and *Bulletin*, but now engaged in business in Philadelphia, was in town last Friday.

—Doak & Lomberger executed the kalsomining on the walls of the Y. M. C. A. room. It is a work which will speak favorably for the capability of the firm.

—Mr. William E. Irwin and lady, of Philipsburg, recently celebrated the tenth anniversary of their marriage with a tin wedding. They had a pleasant time.

—His Honor Judge Orvis is said to have caught another dozen 10-inch trout recently, but, as we said before, we did not see them and accept the assertion on faith.

—Rev. John Hewitt, of the Episcopal church, was at Williamsport last Tuesday, assisting in the consecration exercises of Christ's Episcopal church, at that place.

—Rev. Smith, of Franklinville, was announced to preach in the Loop Lutheran church last Sabbath morning and in the Lutheran church, Centre Hall, on the afternoon.

—Miss Jennie Snyder, of Philipsburg, died on Saturday morning the 14th of this month. Her funeral took place the following Sunday afternoon, and was largely attended.

—A new peculiarity has been discovered in the *Watchman*. Its editor states that he forgot all about collecting his bill on the occasion of the recent visit of Tom Thumb to this place.

—The funeral of Mrs. Eliza M. Thomas called home Mr. Joseph Thomas, of New Jersey, grandson of the deceased. We understand this is his first visit to his home for five years.

—A platform has been put in the room of the Young Men's Christian Association, so that hereafter the audience can get a good view of the person who may be leading the meeting.

—Our brethren of the United Brethren church are united on one thing, and that is to make the festival which they will hold on the 4th and 5th of July the best ever held in this town.

—The funeral of Mrs. Eliza M. Thomas, last Thursday afternoon, was largely attended. Forty or fifty vehicles were in the cortego which wended its way to the Friends' cemetery.

—Those vicious grasshoppers are still devastating the grain fields in portions of our county. They pluck the heads of barley and clover off the stems and do damage generally.

—Mr. Gottlieb Haag, of Pleasant Gap, reached the 50th anniversary of his birth on Saturday evening, the 14th instant. The entertainment which he gave to his friends was in all respects worthy the occasion.

—Samuel Faust, Esq., of Spring Banks, called on us yesterday morning. He manufactures carriages, and serves the people generally at his home. Last week he sold two phaetons and a buggy, and pronounces business excellent.

—There are four members in this town of the Alumni association recently formed by former students of Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg. Two of these are Adam Hoy and Clement Dale, Esq.'s, each of whom will attend the convention which will convene at Lewistown during the latter part of July.

—Gen. Jesse Merrill and S. M. McCormick have been appointed by State Superintendent Wickersham trustees of the Central Normal School on the part of the State. Ex-Gov. Bigler, of Clearfield, has been chosen president of the Board of Trustees; General Merrill vice president, S. M. McCormick secretary, and Thomas Yardley treasurer.

—The *Watchman* says that on Monday afternoon, the 16th instant, Mr. Joseph Heberling, a farmer living in the west end of Ferguson township, fell dead, just as he was leaving his work to seek protection from the rain in a neighboring cabin. He had always appeared perfectly healthy, and this sudden occurrence was a severe blow to his friends.

—A literary entertainment was given last Friday evening by the Alpha Literary Society of Penn Hall. The German Salutatory was read by J. W. Barges, of Penn Hall, and the Valedictory by A. J. Long, of the same place. The committee of arrangements were H. B. Twitmeyer, T. N. Reiter and C. P. Leitzell. The programme was excellent, and from *Alpha* to *Omega* was well performed.

—The Lewisburg, Centre and Spruce Creek Railroad held a meeting in Philadelphia on the 10th of this month, for the purpose of electing officers. The election resulted in the following: President, Hon. Eli Slifer; Vice President, Strickland Kneass; Directors, George F. Miller, James P. Coburn, Samuel C. Stewart, George B. Roberts, Edmund Smith, Wistar Morris and R. H. Duncan.

—Mr. Conley Plotts, who has been stopping at the Bush House, and our townsman, D. G. Bush, are the only two living members of the committee appointed to draft the Constitution and By-Laws of the First State Teachers' Association that met in Pennsylvania, which convened twenty-seven years ago December at Harrisburg. Mr. Plotts was then principal of one of the Grammar schools in Philadelphia.

—One of the literary societies of the Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, on last Wednesday, listened to an elegant oration by our talented young member of the bar, J. L. Spangler. We have spoken with many persons who had the pleasure of listening to the gentleman, and all unite with unmeasured terms in praising the speech. He spoke from manuscript for about half an hour, and was listened to with marked attention.

—The furnace of Howard Iron Works was put in blast this week. The four charcoal furnaces of Centre county are therefore all in blast, and we trust will continue so for a long time. Mr. Lauth, of the Howard works, informed us that he also expects to have his new wire mill in operation from four to six weeks. The plan of this mill is one of Mr. Lauth's new inventions in the working of iron, and he expects to realize excellent results from it.

—Pleasant means of conveyance are now ensured to persons who go from here to State College and return. Everybody who finds occasion to travel over that road by stage will rejoice to hear that Mr. Benjamin Beaver, a gentleman of great skill in operating stage lines, has purchased the right of way between these two places and hereafter persons going by stage will be under his charge. He will do everything he can, and more if possible, to make it pleasant in regard to price and easy stages.

—Rev. Dr. Calder, President of the State College, preached for Rev. J. Tomlinson on Sunday week, in the absence of the latter divine at Wooster, Ohio. The sermons of the Doctor, both at Aaronsburg, Millheim and Penns Creek, are spoken of in terms highly eulogistic. The delighted congregations over which Rev. Tomlinson ministers are of opinion that if they ever again have to forego their own favorite pastor's ministrations, he cannot do better than to supply his place by the learned President of State College.

—Mr. James Leyden, whom we may remember was the fortunate young gentleman who received the appointment to West Point several years ago, graduated at that institution two weeks ago to-day. He has visited his present home at Beech Creek, and arrived in Bellefonte on Monday. He will sojourn in this neighborhood for a few weeks when he expects to leave and be stationed at a distant point in the Territory of Wyoming. He is an exceedingly manly fellow in appearance and registers himself "Mr. James Leyden, U. S. Army."

—Saturday last was the longest day in the year. The summer solstice was reached at half-past 2 p. m., on that day, when the sun reached a higher apparent elevation at noon than on any other day of the three hundred and sixty-five. This is owing to the earth being inclined to the plane of its orbit, like a top in motion leaning towards the floor or level surface on which it stands while revolving. This causes a greater amount of heat to be distributed over the earth, and, in addition to the varying length of the day, gives rise to the changes of the seasons.

—Miss Edith Holt, daughter of J. Harbinson Holt, Esq., of Snow Shoe, died very suddenly on Friday morning last, of heart disease. She had appeared in ordinary health the evening previous, and entertained friends with music. Her lifeless body was found in bed the following morning. She was a bright, intelligent girl of seventeen years, and Mr. Holt and family have our heartfelt sympathy in this sad bereavement. See obituary notice.

—The fence around the colored camp-meeting now in progress has been taken down and the admittance is now free. Each evening the attendance is increasing, and the interest is growing greatly.

—A very large and distinguished gentleman, H. G. Rogers by name, has been in town for some time. He read us a few extracts from his elegant lectures last Thursday afternoon, which of course we would be pleased to publish if we had the space.

—Among the distinguished guests whom the Brockerhoff House entertained during the week are Wm. Taylor, Norfolk, Va.; Capt. E. McLean, and W. Sargent, Jr.; Altoona; Stephen I. Remak, Philadelphia; Senator S. R. Peale and S. D. Bull, Lock Haven.

—People are all tendered a very pressing and earnest invitation to visit the "Bee Hive" store of our friend, J. H. Bauland, on Allegheny street. In the line of goods which ladies desire he constantly keeps a large and complete assortment. Dress goods a specialty.

—The Bellefonte base ball club and the champion club at State College had an engagement last week, which was not altogether encouraging to our boys; but the contest was renewed on Tuesday afternoon with greater success, the score standing 32 to 17 in favor of the College.

—At the Commencement exercises at a prominent college this year, the best dressed gentlemen of the graduating class was asked where he purchased his clothes. "I sent all the way to J. Newman, Jr., Bellefonte," he answered. "He is the best tailor in Central Pennsylvania."

—We are requested to give particular notice to the fact that a young people's gospel temperance meeting will be held in the M. E. church on Sunday afternoon next at 3:30 o'clock, to which all are invited. The programme which has been arranged will be entertaining and instructive.

—The vetoes still continue to come in from the President, but nevertheless S. A. Brew & Son continue adding to their stock of groceries. It takes seven years for the human body to renew itself throughout, but this firm sell their goods so rapidly that they have to renew their stock several times a year.

—We are indebted to Captain Potter for an illustrated copy of the Summer Excursion Routes of the Pennsylvania railroad. The book is well illustrated, and each place looks *par excellence* as a pleasant place of resort. We do not, however, think that the illustration of Bellefonte does credit to the place.

—If the efforts of those who participate in the respective Commencement exercises at our colleges and seminaries this year, at all approximate in brilliancy the beautiful illuminated invitations which we have received requesting our attendance, we can safely say to all, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

—Commencement exercises last but a few days. Some institutions, however, have been known to continue them for a long time. For instance, J. H. Bauland commenced selling ladies' dress goods several months ago, and he has proved such a decided success that he still continues the place, giving satisfaction to all.

—Prothonotary Cal. Harper returned from his western tour last Friday morning. The trip has had an admirable effect on him. He is as brown as a button with exposure to the glorious western sun, and, excepting the pistols and Bowie knives, he bears all the evidences which go to make up the dashing western cavalier.

—Weston, oh Weston, dear Weston come home, We'll crown you with laurels now, We'll put a belt around your waist And a coronet on your brow,

We'll take you down to Newman's store, And dress you all out new—

The only place where can be bought Clothes good enough for you.

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—A temperance meeting was held in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday evening last which proved of great interest. After remarks and prayers by Rev. James P. Hughes and D. S. Keller, Esq., and Mrs. Twitmire and Mrs. Stewart Lyon, a very interesting address was made by a Mr. Graves. Mr. G. is a gentleman who seems to travel about doing good. Wherever he goes he distributes tracts. He has visited Bellefonte several times before and is well known by our people. His remarks were exceedingly affecting and deeply impressed all who heard him.

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—GREAT BARGAINS.—Bunnell & Aikens offer a choice of 1,000 pieces of sheet music at 15 cents per copy—regular price, \$0, 40 and 50 cents. Also the new Domestic sewing machine at \$25 cash. Call at the music store and see for yourselves.

Two THUNDERBOLTS FOR UNION COUNTY.—Lightning sometimes strikes where it is least expected. A correspondent from Union county speaks of a most curious instance of its fatal effects, on the 10th inst., on two horses belonging to Mr. Laird Irwin and Clayton Irwin, respectively. They were killed on the farm of Mr. Benjamin Chambers, about two miles southwest of Millington. Mr. Laird Irwin was plowing at the time, the sun was shining brightly, and there seemed to be no disturbance in the universal quiet of nature, except a distant rumbling of thunder, to which no attention was paid. Suddenly a blinding flash and a terrific peal of thunder descended from heaven, completely stunning Mr. Irwin, but not knocking him down, as he maintained his hold on the handles of the plow. He recovered to find his horses both dead from the terrible stroke, but so quickly and skillfully had the lightning performed its work that no marks were discovered on the bodies of the animals. Strange to relate, this was the only loud report of thunder that day.

A thunderbolt, equally disastrous to the Republicans of Union county, occurred on Saturday, the 14th, when Jacob Gross was nominated for sheriff, and D. A. Gotz for district attorney. These nominations will not prove popular among the rank and file of the stalwarts in Lewisburg. By some of the mysterious ways of politics Mr. Gotz, a man without ability or qualifications, was nominated over a gentleman who had received the nomination, would have made an excellent candidate.

Our correspondent states that, although there are many poor fields of grain in Union county, most of it looks well and that fully a three-fourths crop is expected

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