

Correspondence, containing important news, solicited from any part of the county. No communication inserted unless accompanied by the real name of the writer.

Local Department.

-Canton flannels, 6 cents per yard, at Lyon & Co's. -The prospects of Penn Hall Academy for the coming school term, commencing on the 27th instant, are exceedingly encouraging. Mr. Wm. P. Hoeterman, A. B., will make a very efficient principal. -Services preparatory to Communion were held in the Presbyterian church on Friday and Saturday evenings last. Rev. Dr. Hamill, of Oak Hall, preached a sermon and assisted Rev. Wm. Laurie with the Communion services on Sunday morning. -A visit to Tusseyville would be pleasant just now. The band at that place is giving a grand festival, commencing to-night and terminating on Saturday. They have had ice cream and supper tickets printed and persons who visit them can get all they wish to eat. -Fancy alpacas, at 7 cents per yard, at Lyon & Co's. -Mr. E. P. M'Clokey, agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Company, in this place, has been called to take charge of the company's office in Danville, Montour county. Mr. John Kingsley, of Lock Haven, will for the present continue the company's business in this place. -As Mr. James Spangler, of near Potter's Mills, was assisting in repairing a bridge near what is known as the Red mill, on Monday of last week, his foot was caught and tightly squeezed between a heavy piece of timber and a stone. It was the most painful squeeze James ever submitted to, and found it necessary to invoke the assistance of Dr. Neff, who we hope will soon restore the foot to its original condition. -Black silks, 58 cents per yard, at Lyon & Co's. -A well-known and popular young lady and gentleman of this town, whose nuptials have long been looked forward to by their friends, will, if the course of true love continues flowing in its wonted smooth channel, be married and will start off on their wedding tour the same day on which next week's DEMOCRAT is issued. -It is supposed that the author of the incendiary fire, which recently destroyed \$30,000 of property in Curwensville, Clearfield county, has been discovered in the person of a German cigarmaker named Lesche. But a much more valuable discovery has been made in Centre county, viz: that J. Newman, Jr.'s, establishment on Allegheny street, is the place to procure men's and boys' clothing at but half the cost charged by other dealers. -A woman's warranted shoe, 98 cents, at Lyon & Co's. -On Saturday of last week the Oddfellows of Millheim held a picnic in the vicinity of Penn Cave, which proved a very satisfactory occasion to them. Messrs. Benjamin Stover and Daniel Long, of Millheim, took an active part in decorating the speakers' stand, and contributed in many ways to the enjoyment of the day. Rev. S. G. Shannon, of Milroy, delivered an oration, and most of those present engaged in the pleasure of a trip through the wonderful cave. -A splendid winter suit at \$3.90 a Lyon & Co's. -An excellent mode of preserving autumn leaves is to spread the fresh leaves and press them in a suitable dish, with alternate layers of fine sand, which is thoroughly dry and as hot as the hand can bear. When the sand has cooled they may be removed, smoothed under a flat iron, dipped for a moment in a clear French spirit varnish, and allowed to dry in the air. -We hear that diphtheria has been raging to some extent recently among the children in the vicinity of Curtis's Works. Of eleven cases, three deaths have occurred. By the attention of Dr. Dobbins and other physicians its course has been arrested. -The low water, inattention to sanitary laws and a variety of other causes are said to have caused it. -An immense stock of new goods at Lyon & Co's. -The following schools throughout the county have been supplied with teachers, whose names we give in connection with their schools: Spring Mills—F. F. Jamison. Beaver Dam—Maggie Hanna. Penn Hall—E. F. Smith. Polk Hill—H. M. Cain. Decker's—Lot Runkle. Murray's—S. E. Stover. Gate—J. B. Crawford. Cross Roads—J. A. Grenoble. Valentines—T. M. Barnhart. Logan Branch—J. E. Williams. Hometown—G. M. Noll. Gentzel's—P. G. Gentzel. Weaver's—E. C. Woods. Oak Grove—M. E. Hoy. Pleasant Gap—W. H. Noll. Logan Branch—J. Harrison. Fair Ground—F. E. Bible. Vocum—J. W. Barnhart. Pleasant Hill—J. M. Holmes. -A splendid boy's suit at \$3.25 at Lyon & Co's. -That gentlemanly individual, H. M. Brishin, of the Osceola Reveille, paid a flying visit to our office on Monday morning last. Legal business connected with the Pruner vs. Brishin ejectment suit demanded his attention in this place. The two weeks during which he will sojourn here will be largely spent in court, which, inasmuch as he is a very court-cous gentleman, may be all right. -A distant lady acquaintance of the late Miss Rose Shoemaker, whom but to know was to esteem, sends the following lines dedicated to her memory. The line with which the poem opens, it may be remembered, is one of the last sentences said to have been uttered by the deceased: IN MEMORIAM. "Can this be dying: I feel no pain?" Surely, dear friends, those tears are vain; O tell me why ye should sadly weep To see me so gently fall asleep? Resting so calm on that Arm of Might While my soul wings its way to realms of light. "Can this be dying: I feel no pain?" Call this not death; 'tis life! 'tis gain! The victor's crown, the white array, The blessed home where the angels lay, Their glittering trophies, pure and bright, At the feet of Him, the Lord of Light. Can this be death, this holy calm That steals my soul in its heavenly balm, That softly stiles my pulse's play While I gently breathe my life away? Can you be death? Then pray that ye Such blessed happy death may see. Farewell, sweet Rose, I would that we Were all as fit for Heaven as thou. Our blessed Lord an Angel sent, And gently o'er the Rose he leant, And plucked it from the stem; Then swiftly back through azure skies, Through golden gates of Paradise, He bears the earth-born gem, And lays it by the pious feet That erst life's thorny path had tried, And there in fadeless beauty sweet Immortal shall that Rose abide. -The sermon of Rev. John Hewitt, rector of the Episcopal church, last Sunday evening, was another of those well-prepared, thoughtful and instructive deliverances for which he is noted. The text "And devout men carried Stephen to his burial," gave rise to many thoughts on the subject of the ceremonies to be observed over the body of a deceased person which were original and well conceived. One of the first lessons drawn from the text was that if this first recorded instance of a Christian burial is to be followed, none but devout persons should take part in this Christian ceremony over the body of one who has died in the Christian faith. That the prayers and orations said, and the hymns sang, over a corpse, are not designed to be the most important part of the ceremonies, but instead the joyful hope of a resurrection held out as the heavy clouds of earth fall upon the coffin lid. Without this the long funeral procession, the high-bred assemblage, the richly caparisoned steeds with their nodding plumes are a mockery; and the tomb, hewn from solid marble and ornamented with all that art can devise, is indeed a repulsive burial place if its terrors be not softened by this hope. The entire discourse was replete with deep thought, adorned with elegant expression, and delivered in the gentleman's usual animated style. -The finest overcoats at Lyon & Co's, cheap. -The November Scribner is especially strong in a class of papers that seem to be more and more in demand with this magazine, viz., authentic papers on topics immediately or recently occupying public interest. Such in this number are: 1. The paper on "The Mississippi Jetties," by the resident engineer, Mr. E. I. Corthell; the first complete account of this important work, with a portrait of Captain Emdant and a number of plans; 2. An account by Clarence Cook, Esq., of "Mr. Morris Moore and his old Masters," one of which, the "Apollo and Marys," of Raphael, may now be purchased for America. This topic was lately a good deal discussed in the newspapers, and as the picture has never been engraved—at least in America—the editor of Scribner has had a large cut made of it by Mr. Cole which, with other cuts, accompanies Mr. Cook's account of the discovery of the picture by Mr. Moore and his exposure of the mismanagement of the National Gallery, etc.; 3. The present revival of interest in agricultural subjects in England and America is reflected in several papers: one on the "Distress in Great Britain," showing the unfortunate state of affairs in the kingdom; another on "Kansas Farming,"—a very different picture—and others on "Success with Small Fruits," etc. -The biggest lot of entire new clothing at Lyon & Co's. -The following brief but old manuscript, which Masons may find worthy their notice, was handed us by a gentleman of this place who has carried it in his pocket for the last thirty years. We believe it has never been published, but now for the first time sees the light of day through the columns of the DEMOCRAT. It is yellow with age and reads as follows: MASONRY SPIRITUALIZED.—He takes God for his sun, Charity for his moon, the Graces for his stars, the Bible for his guide, Charity for his snow-white apron, Temperance for his phisic, Industry for his compass, Truth for his seal, Reason for his compass, and Justice for his square. -Best calicoes, 5 cents per yard, at Lyon & Co's. -A CONGRATULATION.—We had the good pleasure last week of recording the wedding in Harrisburg, last March, of that handsome young couple, Mr. John L. Linn to Miss Alice A. Alexander, but because of the crowded condition of our columns forbore to make extended remarks. Known as the young gentleman is to everyone as one of the most gallant beaux Bellefonte has ever produced, and as the partner whom he has selected for life has been for a long time recognized as a prominent belle, and a very sensible young lady, they cannot but receive the hearty congratulations of their friends. It is a union of hearts as well as of hands, and will result in the utmost happiness to them. As they pursue the drama of life together may the curtain rise on naught but joyful scenes. May the freshly blossomed love bloom on into a fadeless flower which shall give forth its beauty and fragrance e'en through eternity!

THE BLUE SPRING—ITS WATERS AGAIN FLOW IN THEIR NATURAL CHANNEL.—One of the many natural wonders of which Centre county has a large proportion is what is known as the Blue Spring, situated on the farm of J. Dunlop Shugert, at the source of the waters of Logan's Branch. It is larger than the famous spring from which our town derives its name, its exact depth, which is known to be great, has never been definitely ascertained, and its waters because of their depth, are in hue the color of the ocean—which gives the spring its name. This water, is however, of crystal-like purity and very cool. It is related that years since a yoke of oxen attached to a harrow plunged over the sides of the spring, disappeared within its blue depths, and no traces of them have ever since been discovered. This tale, though not well authenticated, forms one of the dogmas of faith which many persons entertain in regard to the spring. At one time the flow of water from it found its way by a natural channel into Logan's Branch, but in the course of time a large tree fell across its outlet, settled itself with the point downward in the shape of two sides of a triangle, collected the leaves and other debris from the spring until at length an effectual obstruction to the natural outlet was formed. This caused the water in the spring to rise until it soaked its way in various directions through the limestone rock which forms its sides and went no one knows exactly whither. At all events, the water flowed underground for miles before it found its way into the bed of the creek. During this summer the water in Logan's Branch has been so unprecedentedly low that it has been found impossible to operate Mann's Axe Works, and the other manufacturing establishments situated on its banks and deriving their motive power from this source, except for a portion of the time. The employes and managers have occupied a portion of their spare time in speculations concerning the Blue spring, and it apparently so disturbed their thoughts, that they finally determined to request of Mr. Shugert the privilege of experimenting upon it. Permission being given, trials were made, which have proved entirely successful, in persuading the spring to again sink to its former level and flow through its old outlet. The increased water in the creek has already enabled Mann's Axe Works to operate more regularly, and the spirits of all concerned are correspondingly elevated. The water in the spring alternately rises and falls as the tide in the ocean. As the reason for this is not clearly understood, the spring will probably before long receive further attention from scientists. But until future developments are made we will permit its blue waters to rest undisturbed in their deep basin, merely speculating upon the wonders which time may reveal.

what some of the gentlemen denominated "woods." What a free, easy, gipsy life we led that day. Dusty and hungry we reached home at tea time ready to partake of the bountiful repast spread for us, feeling sure we should long retain pleasant recollections of our picnic upon the Alleghenies. TRIBUTE OF RESPECT TO JOHN D. LIEB.—The committee appointed by Centre Lodge, No. 153, I. O. O. F., to prepare a tribute to the memory of their late Brother, Past Grand John D. Lieb, at the regular meeting on Thursday evening, Oct. 9, 1879, submitted the following, which was ordered to be published in the county papers, spread upon the minutes of the Lodge and a copy sent to the family of the deceased brother: Brother John D. Lieb's life was one of more than ordinary happiness. Possessed, as he was, of a kind and genial disposition, he was a companion at once pleasant, social and agreeable. Full of good nature, and blessed in a large degree with sterling common sense, his conversation was delightful to all with whom he came in contact, while his counsel was sought as safe, reliable and trustworthy. Socially, our brother was justly entitled to be held in high esteem by his neighbors and friends, as well as by his brothers of the Lodge. In his home, at his hearthstone, and in the social life of his family, dignity of manner, kindness of speech, wisdom and good judgment, marked the rule in various directions through the limestone rock which forms its sides and went no one knows exactly whither. At all events, the water flowed underground for miles before it found its way into the bed of the creek. During this summer the water in Logan's Branch has been so unprecedentedly low that it has been found impossible to operate Mann's Axe Works, and the other manufacturing establishments situated on its banks and deriving their motive power from this source, except for a portion of the time. The employes and managers have occupied a portion of their spare time in speculations concerning the Blue spring, and it apparently so disturbed their thoughts, that they finally determined to request of Mr. Shugert the privilege of experimenting upon it. Permission being given, trials were made, which have proved entirely successful, in persuading the spring to again sink to its former level and flow through its old outlet. The increased water in the creek has already enabled Mann's Axe Works to operate more regularly, and the spirits of all concerned are correspondingly elevated. The water in the spring alternately rises and falls as the tide in the ocean. As the reason for this is not clearly understood, the spring will probably before long receive further attention from scientists. But until future developments are made we will permit its blue waters to rest undisturbed in their deep basin, merely speculating upon the wonders which time may reveal.

HO! FOR THE SHOW.—The ironworkers at Valentines' Forge have arranged for an entertainment next Wednesday evening, October 23d, in their new building, which will rival the ingenuity of the famous Barnum himself. An animal will be exhibited on that occasion which is pronounced to be the most wonderful ever exhibited in the United States. As the name of the animal is not known, ninety persons have been invited to attend and give it a name. Everybody is urged to be present, and a special invitation is extended to the ladies. The proceeds of the exhibition will be devoted to the purchase of a stove for the building. Doors open at 7 o'clock; admittance, 25 cents. To this notice, handed us by Joseph Houpp, the celebrated animal tamer, is appended the following list of names: Rev. George M'Court, Constable Loom, Huntington Co. Hatch Dry, Morris Hicks, Blair Co. James Fallon, Thos. Trafer, Douglas Co. Andy Roush, David Harris, Kate Kephart, George Tate, Joe F. Farley, William H. Smith, Tip Miller, William Sailer, Harvey Flack, Hiram W. Vison, Blair Co. H. R. Agnew, William Houser, J. L. Spangler, Thos. Hawley, John Hockley, Patrick Kiefer, William Miller, Simon Hockenberry, R. Miller, George W. Downing, John Long, Amos Mullen, Harry Valentine, William Patton, Richard Thomas, W. Valentine, William H. Hughes, Thos. Reynolds, Samuel Shirk, Jack Howe, John Henderson, J. Fourlock, Harp Rice, James Fry, Milesburg, Thos. Bechtler, James Sharp, Eggleston, D. H. Hastings, William Morgan, W. A. Kelley, George Flack, Edward Tyson, N. Flack, Hook Flack, Dick Houpp.

AN IMPORTANT LAW SUIT ON TRIAL.—The presence of those two distinguished individuals, United States Senator Wallace and Hon. George A. Jenks, in our midst, at present and for a week to come, is in part owing to an important action in ejectment now being tried in our court, involving about six hundred and ninety acres of land, part of which forms the site of the town of Houtzdale, Clearfield county. Messrs. Pruner and Burley, the plaintiffs, located a warrant for this land in 1859, the Houtz heirs then being in possession. A suit was brought before Judge Linn in the Clearfield court and won by the plaintiffs. In consequence of a juror having roomed with one of the surveyors during the trial, a new trial was granted, which again came up in the Clearfield court and resulted in the plaintiffs taking a non-suit. Samuel C. Smith, of New Jersey, purchased the property, and in a suit brought by him before Judge McCandless, in the United States District Court, the defendants won. Pruner and Burley becoming possessors of the property a change of venue was made from Clearfield to this county, which gives rise to the present action. Hon. Geo. A. Jenks, Gen. James A. Beaver, J. L. Spangler and D. H. Hastings represent the plaintiffs, and Hon. William A. Wallace, Messrs. Alexander & Bower, and D. F. Fortney, the defendants. The jurors empanelled in this trial are H. G. Miller, Haines township; Frank Miller, Walker; L. S. Eddy, Milesburg; W. M. Adams, Milesburg; Chas. McGarvey, Union; Samuel Crotzer, Potter; James Lingle, Boggs; Owen Muthersbaugh, Harris; John L. Shope Boggs; Thos. W. Fisher, Union; John Griffith, Spring, and Joseph Dayton, Rush. -Postmasters are now authorized to redeem postal cards which have been spoiled by printing or in any other way, at the rate of four cents for every five cards.

MARRIAGES. DUNLAP—SHUTT—Oct. 9, 1879, at the M. E. parsonage, at Pleasant Gap, by Rev. J. A. Wood, Jr., Mr. John L. Dunlap and Miss Margaret Shutt, both of Beaver township. ALTERS—NICHOLS—At Centre Hall, October 25, 1879, by the Rev. Fisher, Mr. Wm. H. Alters, of Zion, and Miss Mary E. Nichols, of Bellefonte, Pa. DUNLAP—PARSON—At the M. E. parsonage, Milesburg, Oct. 12, by Rev. J. B. Shaver, Mr. David Dunlap and Miss Maggie Parson, both of Julian Furnace, Pa. WEAVER—DE LONG—At the Reformed parsonage, Jacksonville, by Rev. Geo. P. Hartzoff, Mr. James A. Weaver, of Marion township, to Miss Felicia J. De Long, of Curtis township. CRAFT—DIXSON—On October 7th, at the residence of the bride's parents, Pine Glen, by Rev. H. Lundy, Mr. Wm. Craft, to Miss Anna Dixson. DAVIS—MOORE—At Phillipsburg, on Saturday, September 27, 1879, by Lewis Howe, Mr. Isaac M. Davis, to Miss Bella C. Moore, both of Beaver Mills, Centre county, Pa. HEVERLY—HAINES—At the bride's residence, Oct. 12, 1879, by Rev. J. Benson, Messrs. Enoch Ekinworth Heverly, of Howard, and Miss Lucy Anna Haines, daughter of Peter Haines, Esq., of Mount Eagle. DEATHS. ZEIGLER—In Gregg township, on the 10th instant, Mrs. Sarah Zeigler, wife of Daniel Zeigler, Sr., aged 62 years and 28 days. GRAY—On the 4th inst. of diphtheria, Bond, youngest child of Isaac and Mary Gray, of Patton township, aged one year and 41 months. M'NEAL—At Houtzville, Centre County, Pa., Oct. 6, 1879, of Paralysis, Mrs. Barbara M'Neal, aged 66 years, 9 months and 14 days. BLOOM—At the residence of her grandfather, Mr. Robert Edmiston, in Patton township, on the 1st of October, 1879, of diphtheria, Cora Bell, daughter of Thomas J. and Charlotte Bloom, aged 10 years, 5 months and 26 days. FARKER—On Tuesday morning, October 7, at Centre Hall, after an illness of several weeks, Isaac Samuel Farker, aged 41 years, 10 months and 8 days. Burial services over the deceased were held last Thursday morning commencing at 9 o'clock, from the M. E. church at Centre Hall, after which the corpse was taken to Spruceston Cemetery, and interred with Masonic ceremonies. BELLEFONTE, PA., Oct. 13, 1879. EDS. DEMOCRAT.—Dear Sir: I notice by announcement in your excellent paper that Dr. Fowler, of the Christian Advocate, is to lecture in this place on the evening of the 29th inst. It is my good fortune to have heard Dr. Fowler deliver his "Great Deeds of Great Men"—the same lecture for which he is billed here—and in the interests of refined intellectual entertainment and culture of the highest order, I ask room enough to advise every one who possibly can to embrace this opportunity to hear him. I will not undertake to give any idea of his lecture, nor the renewed lecturer's eloquence. The opportunity to judge of both will soon be here, and should not be lost by any who are capable of appreciating them. ADVT.

SHERIFF'S SALE. BY virtue of a writ of Venditioni Frius of Centre county, and to its directed, there will be exposed at public sale, in Harrisburg, on Thursday, October 30, A. D. 1879, at one o'clock, P. M., the following described real estate of the defendant, to wit: All that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the village of Harrisburg, Centre county, Pa., bounded and described as follows: On the north by Spruce, on the west by an alley and lands of Bell, on the south by lands of H. A. Mingo, and on the east by lands of J. Wirtz—containing two acres, more or less, thence created a two-story frame house, stable and other out buildings. Sealed, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Adam F. Winkler. (42-2) JOHN SPANGLER, Sheriff.