

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

Local Department.

—Extra bargains in unlaundried white shirts at the Bee Hive Store.

—Tuesday last was Shrove Tuesday, vulgarly called "pan-cake day."

—We return thanks to the Watchman for a copy of its almanac for 1880.

—This is a season of failures, everything fails except Day's Kidney Pad.

—The talk about the establishment of glass works in Bellefonte has ceased.

—Gentlemen accustomed to smoking good cigars always buy them of Harry Green.

—The pay car of the Pennsylvania railroad made Bellefonte its monthly visit on Tuesday.

—Miss Bessie Montgomery was visiting at the residence of Mr. J. J. Lingle, Philipsburg, last week.

—A calla lily is blooming in all its pure whiteness in one of the windows of Dr. Hale's residence.

—J. W. Gephart, Esq., will conduct the meeting in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. to-morrow evening.

—The music rendered in the Episcopal church last Sunday evening was much better than usual.

—Mr. William Cleveland, of Hubersburg, called on us quite early Thursday morning of last week.

—The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met at the residence of Mr. F. P. Green last Friday evening.

—The cigars sold by Harry Green equal the "Havana" or any other brand considered peculiarly excellent.

—On Friday night last Prof. John Mason Duncan treated "Class C" of his school to a very jolly sleigh ride.

—The usual Friday evening service will be held in the lecture room of the Episcopal church to-morrow night.

—Mr. Oscar Smith, of Cleveland, O., brother of Mrs. J. H. Myers, of this place, is at present paying her a visit.

—Another heavy fall of snow is prophesied for Monday, the 16th instant. But then prophesies often fail.

—Rev. M. G. Smyser, formerly of this place, but now of Berwick, is at present visiting his friends in the South.

—Mr. Scott, of Brookville, Jefferson county, is now assisting Mr. Strayer in conducting the Bush House barber shop.

—Miss Bertie McKinney, of Port Matilda, was recently a guest at the residence of Mr. M. G. Gray in Philipsburg.

—Miss Nettie Hancock, of Philipsburg, after a two weeks' visit in Philadelphia, returned home a few days since.

—Yesterday being "Ash Wednesday" a morning and an evening service were held in the Episcopal church, this place.

—Professor Smith, of State College, while experimenting with chemicals last week, severely burned three of his fingers.

—Newman has moved his tailoring establishment to the "Bee Hive" store. Go there and get a good fitting suit made at the lowest cash prices.

—Mr. William Jones slipped on the steps of the First National Bank, on Monday morning last, fracturing one of his ribs. He is able, however, to be around as usual.

—According to appointment, Rev. John Hewitt preached in the Ironworkers' building at Valentines' Forge last Sunday afternoon, and was greeted with a large audience.

—Most of the ice houses in this vicinity were filled last week with ice which, although not very fine, is thought to be as good as any that the ice dealers will be able to gather this year.

—We understand that the young folks attending the public schools are commencing the issue of a periodical school journal. It is an enterprise which will combine pleasure and profit, and we wish it success.

—Mr. John T. Fowler is erecting a steam saw mill just above Eagleville, on Marsh Creek. When it is completed he will be prepared to cut and manufacture the lumber from the Curtin estate, which he recently purchased.

—Mr. George Miller of Valentines' Forge, was walking behind a loaded ice wagon, a few days since, when from some cause a block of ice slipped from the wagon, a piece striking him in the face and inflicting an ugly gash.

—Bob Taylor, of Philipsburg, after a long struggle, has at last succeeded in obtaining a license for his hotel. Bob knows how to run a hotel and guarantees good accommodations to all who will favor his house with their patronage.

—Among the hotel-keepers who received license at the present term of court we notice Samuel H. Kunes, of Eagleville. Mr. Kunes intends to run a first-class hotel and will be glad to receive the patronage of the traveling public.

—The unusually large congregation which listened to the discourse by Rev. John Hewitt, last Sunday evening, were much delighted. "Charity" was the theme, and it was treated in a beautiful and touching manner.

—Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead, of Williamsport, were visiting at the residence of Mr. John Ardell last week. They took advantage of the fine sleighing and drove all the way from Williamsport to this place, returning on Monday.

—Miss Sallie Burnside gave a very delightful and somewhat novel leap year party on Monday night. The young ladies were compelled to invite and call for the gentlemen, and, we suppose, gallant them home at the close of the affair.

—That young lady who was requested before the holidays, to present us with a dressing-gown, slippers and purse, and didn't do it, may reinstate herself into our good graces by sending us "just the loveliest" valentine on Saturday next.

—The next change in fair Luna—the "first quarter"—takes place on Tuesday morning next at 10:51 o'clock, just seven days, four hours and twenty-eight minutes elapsing between that and "new" moon last Tuesday morning at 6:23 o'clock.

—Mr. Joseph Cedars, who conducts the elegant bakery on Alleghenystreet, expects soon to remove to the bakery on Bishop street, Mr. Sands carrying on the business at the old stand. Mr. C. is a first-class baker, and his customers will probably follow him to his new location.

—From thirty to forty boys gather every evening in the reading-room of the Y. M. C. A., where they read the very best newspapers published in this country, or play checkers, six sets of which have been provided. The good it does to the boys in this place is incalculable.

—Mme. Rentz's female minstrels are coming this way and will be here soon. They exhibited in Harrisburg last week during the Republican convention, and were offered \$500 by the Republicans for the use of the hall in which they had engaged to exhibit. They refused this offer, and their receipts amounted to \$800.

—Mr. "Witt" Moyer, a former excellent clerk in Sechler's grocery store, and now employed on the Philipsburg branch road as brakeman, is at present in town carrying his left hand in a sling. His vacation and the condition of his hand are occasioned by a severe smash which his fingers received some time since while coupling cars.

—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights last the sleighs flew thick and fast. The pike from here to Centre Hall was musical with the jingle of bells and the peals of merry laughter from the happy occupants. On Thursday night three large sleds, each containing a jolly crowd, were observed passing the hotel at Centre Hall, in a very brief space of time.

—Competition is the life of trade, and the trader who keeps the best goods and the neatest store will always draw the patronage. Especially is this true of H. Sechler & Co.'s grocery store. Notwithstanding large competition in the same line of business, they still continue conducting their business in the same successful manner which has always characterized them.

—Economy is said to be the only means that will enable a man to buy a farm. The people of Centre county can practice economy in buying groceries by patronizing S. A. Brew & Son's grocery store. By doing so they will not only be able to buy a farm, but will also find health and happiness, because Brew's groceries are always the cheapest and best.

—In consequence of the fact that the young ladies invited several members of the Addison Club to a leap-year sleigh ride last Saturday night, the club was left without the necessary quorum for a meeting. Messrs. Ellis Orvis, Prof. Heebner, Fred. Reynolds and Charles Schroeder were among the guilty ones who deserted the Club on that evening. The ladies take advantage of leap-year privileges to do considerable harm.

—The farmers who visit this place and leave their wagons for a short time to enter a store are compelled to keep one eye on their wagons while the other they devote to the business they may be transacting inside. The inevitable hungry highway cow is sure to be on hand, and after taking a sniff at everything in the wagons will proceed to make a meal of the hay that the farmer may have brought along. It usually terminates with a rush made by the farmer after the cow, which he may have to repeat a half dozen times in half an hour. There seems to be enough hay stolen from the farmers in this way to feed at least half the cows in town.

—The connection of Mr. Penn Bigony with the Bush House as clerk has terminated, but we understand he will remain in town until spring.

—An addition has recently been made to the practicing legal professionals of this place by J. H. Vosburg, Esq., who has opened an office with Hon. John B. Linn, in the Brockerhoff House block. He is a thoroughly able and conscientious gentleman, and all business confided to him will be executed in a skillful manner.

—The doors of the Presbyterian church, this place, were closed last Sunday, and the immense congregation accustomed to worship in that edifice were scattered around among the other churches. The occasion of this was the departure of Rev. William Laurie, the pastor, in obedience to a sad and unexpected summons to attend the funeral of his brother.

—Mr. Austin Hinton, of Snow Shoe, has specimens of Peruvian corn which measure three-fourths of an inch in length by half an inch in breadth and over a fourth of an inch through. They were sent to Mr. H. by Mr. John Lick, of California, in which State this splendid corn has been cultivated with wonderful success. Mr. Hinton will plant it and see what can be done with this South American product on his Snow Shoe farm.

—"There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at its flood leads on to fortune." The important aim is to strike the right tide, which some men do and some don't. When the first great swelling tide of Centre county humanity came surging into Sechler's grocery store he took them in a tender spot by selling them good goods cheap, and this tide has ever since been flowing in so continuously that it is leading on not only to his fortune but his fame in the grocery business.

—The book so long expected of the late General J. B. Hood is now just published, and the delay is well repaid by the beauty of the style in which it is prepared and published for the sole benefit of "The Hood Memorial Fund." It is called "Advance and Retreat—Personal Experiences in the Armies of the United States and Confederate States," containing two portraits; (one a fine heliographic photograph, the other a fine line engraving); four fine maps of battle fields; 360 pages, 8vo. well printed, handsomely bound. Write to General G. T. Beauregard, New Orleans, for all the particulars, or better, send in a postal order or registered letter, Three Dollars, and have a copy sent to you registered postage free, and then ask your neighbors to subscribe for it. Why not?

—Our genial friend, Uriah Stover, of Benner township, whose pluck and endurance in the matter of teeth pulling we had occasion several months ago to commend, appeared on Tuesday with an elegant new set of masticators in his mouth that greatly improved his good looks. He felt so proud that he immediately went to Frank Blair's store and bought a new pair of spectacles and with the new teeth and the new specs he looked more like a judge than ever.

—BROCKERHOFF HOUSE GUESTS.—We can only mention a few of the guests registered at the Brockerhoff House this week. The following are from Philadelphia: Geo. D. Pifer, A. C. Gansler, W. D. Meley, C. W. Blum, Chas. J. Cassaigne, H. D. Van Horn, J. B. Morris, Thomas Foster, H. Jonas, J. Thompson, A. Arons, W. Fred Monroe, J. B. McClung, G. S. Malin, W. J. Pyle, Joseph F. Bauer, Simon Nathan, W. Griffiths, and J. L. Rutter. The register also shows the usual number of names from other places.

—ENTERTAINMENT.—Last Saturday evening Mr. James Milliken, of this place, gave an elegant entertainment to Hon. Elihu Washburne, late Minister to France, at Augustus', in Philadelphia. General James A. Beaver, of this place, and many of the notables throughout the State were present. The entire affair was conducted in that recherche and elegant style of which Mr. Milliken is a consummate master.

—WEDDED.—The residence of Mr. E. M. Sturdevant, of Philipsburg, was the scene of a happy event on Wednesday afternoon, the 4th instant, it being the wedding of his daughter, Miss Carrie, to Mr. James H. Munson, also of Philipsburg. The ceremony is said to have been noticeably quiet and unostentatious, considering the high social status of the contracting parties. But the congratulations of the friends of both parties were none the less earnest and profuse.

—DEATH OF WILBUR KNOLL.—On Wednesday of last week, Wilbur Knoll, son of Mr. Alec Knoll, of Howard, expired suddenly while on a trip to Burnside township. So immediate was his death that he had breathed his last before he could be conveyed from his sled into the house of Mr. Samuel Bechdol near by. He was afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism, which is supposed to have affected his heart and caused his death. Mr. Harbison Holt, of Snow Shoe, took the body of the unfortunate young man to his home in Howard.

—HOWARD ITEMS.—A correspondent from this good old burg sends us notes as follows:

—A protracted meeting is in progress in the borough school-house, under the charge of Rev. Avery T. Long, of the Christian Brethren. The house is well filled, and good order and close attention characterize the nightly meetings.

—A much-needed addition to the conveniences of our town has been made by the opening of a meat stand by Messrs. Shuey & Allison. They kill an excellent grade of stock, and sell No. 1 meat at reasonable prices. In consequence, we have lost, to some extent, our appreciation of the weekly visits of your Bellefonte meat wagons.

—There are rumors current here—with what foundation we do not know—that a portion of the members of the Disciple church are endeavoring to secure the removal of their old and faithful pastor, Rev. N. J. Mitchell, and supplant him by a younger man. Mr. Mitchell's self-sacrificing services in behalf of his church, extending over near half a century, and his long residence and upright and godly life in this community, have endeared him to a very large proportion of the people, and the rumors excite much unfavorable comment and severe criticism.

—A musical convention opened in Lucas' Hall on Monday evening last under the direction of Professor Crissman, of Mill Hall, and promises to be quite a success. It will close with a concert on Saturday evening, which will be well worth hearing. The best musical talent of the neighborhood is interested, and the programme will be an excellent one.

—The Howard Literary Society, which has held weekly meetings during the winter, full of amusement and instruction to those who attend, has about completed arrangements for a public literary entertainment to be given some time in March. The leaders in the movement are capable, energetic and conscientious workers, and will soon be able to announce time, place and programme. The success of the enterprise is already assured by the character of those engaged in it.

—Your correspondent watched those well-known surveyors, Mr. William P. Mitchell, of Lock Haven, and Messrs. Joseph Devling and Ellis F. Orvis, of your town, on their way to Hoy's Run, last Monday. If this party of "land-sharks" can't straighten the kinks out of any lines which may happen to be in dispute, we should despair of finding one that could.

—The death of Wilbur Knoll, last week, was a startling blow to the entire community. He left home on Wednesday morning as well as usual with one of J. L. Long's teams, bound for J. H. Holt's logging camp—was taken ill towards evening, and died without a struggle, within a few moments of reaching camp. He was a son of one of our old citizens, Mr. Alec Knoll, and his funeral on Saturday last was largely attended. He leaves a wife and four little girls to battle with the world.

—"CREATION."—Miss Onmacht could not have selected an oratorio which will attract such general attention, and everybody will be so eager to hear as Hayden's beautiful "Creation," which will be presented on the 26th of February. Hayden had no peer in the musical art, and his "Creation," dealing with the most exalted theme possible, is sublime both in music and conception. Of course its presentation will not be expected to equal the rendition of a professional opera troupe, but under the competent superintendence of Miss Onmacht, and with the twenty or more bright young ladies and gentlemen who are assisting her, it will certainly be the finest musical entertainment ever given in this county. Knowing how willing Bellefonte always is to patronize home talent, we are quite confident that "Creation" will be greeted with a large audience.

—DEATH OF AN OCTOGENARIAN.—On Saturday, the 31st day of January, the death of Mr. David Kreamer occurred at his home in Aaronsburg. He had long since survived man's allotted age of three score and ten—yes, even four score—and died at the unusual age of 87 years. He lived among a people of considerable longevity, and was Aaronsburg's oldest citizen. The attendance at his funeral was large. The service was conducted by Rev. C. F. Deining, of the Reformed church.

—BOGGS TOWNSHIP.—The following ticket has been placed in nomination by the Democratic citizens of Boggs township, to be voted for next Tuesday: Judge of Election—H. L. Harvey. Inspector—James F. Weaver. Supervisors—George Noll, Jacob Shultz, O. S. Poor, Joseph L. Neff and George Noll. Assessors—Austin C. Iddings, Henry L. Barnhart and Adam Witherite. School Directors—Charles McLaughlin and James Lingle. Constable—John Kelley. Auditor—James F. Weaver. Township Clerk—John A. Whitehill.

—A vote will also be taken for and against the formation of a new township.

—LOVE'S PLEASANT CONSUMMATION.—The oft-repeated and always pleasant sound of the wedding bells, the notes from which have been heard for centuries, again was listened to last Thursday evening, as they rang out even sweeter than usual at the residence of Mr. John M. Wagner, of Central City, near Milesburg. Mr. W. is a wealthy and prominent gentleman, and on this occasion the nuptials of his daughter, Miss Jennie, to Mr. Peter F. Keichline, were celebrated. The groom is the son of Peter Keichline, Esq., of Rock Springs. At seven o'clock the relatives of both parties had gathered at the residence of the bride's father and the impressive ceremony was solemnized by Rev. J. B. Shaver, of the Milesburg M. E. church. The congratulations which ensued were most earnest, and were followed by all seating themselves about the festive board and partaking of a most elegant supper with infinite relish. It is to be regretted that Milesburg has no regularly organized band, but the young folks supplied its place as well as possible under the circumstances by gathering about the residence and beating noisy strains upon drums and kettles and whatever would emit a musical sound.

—The story as yet is but half told, for although the pleasure here was very great, an even more brilliant reception awaited the happy pair at the groom's home, to which they repaired on the following day. Mr. Peter Keichline, Sr., has been blessed with numerous sturdy sons and handsome daughters, the majority of whom are happily married, and have many children growing up about them. These—children and grandchildren—all gathered home to give eclat to the occasion. On Friday and Saturday the groom's paternal home was a scene of unbounded joy which found expression in funny jokes and merry laughter.

—This may be called a happy marriage, and is certainly less of an experiment than is often the case. The two families have, as it were, an affinity for each other, and this is only a strengthening of the tie which was made several years before by J. M. Keichline, Esq., of this place, a brother of the groom, also marrying one of Mr. Wagner's daughters. All unite in wishing them a happy future.

—THE UNIVERSAL DEMAND.—It is astonishing to realize the popularity attained by Powers & Son, of this place, as boot and shoe manufacturers. From all parts of the country come orders for their boots and shoes. We give a few figures, extending only through the past three weeks, which show that people from all parts of the United States send orders to this popular firm. The following are among the orders: F. H. Hevarty, Hastings, Nebraska, one pair extra fine shoes; Ed. Legacy, Baltimore, Md., one pair extra fine boots; Joseph Elias and George Goldenberg, of Williamsport, each one extra fine pair of shoes; John Montgomery, of Altoona, one pair of extra fine boots; A. F. Martin, of Clearfield, two pairs of boots, one coarse and one extra fine; D. Ginghery, of Woodland, Pa., one pair of fine shoes; W. P. Duncan, John A. Mull, Robert Taylor, and E. M. Sturdevant, one pair of fine shoes for each of the first three and a pair of double extra fine boots for the latter; H. C. Brew, Tyrone, one pair of extra fine shoes. Perhaps there is not a retail firm in the United States that can exhibit figures as good as these. The reason for this popularity is because father and son and all the employes are skillful workmen. Their boots always fit and give the best of satisfaction.

—A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—To-day one of the most wonderful inventions of the age will be brought to this place and exhibited in the vacant store room under Reynolds' Hall. It is a clock which in complicated movement, historical, astronomical and Biblical interest far exceeds its famous Strasburg predecessor. It should also attract as much attention, as its inventor is said never to have read a detailed description of the Strasburg clock until after his own marvel of ingenuity had been completed. Already it has attracted the attention of the world, and none should allow this opportunity of viewing it pass by. The price of admission will involve but a small outlay, as adults are admitted for fifteen cents and children under twelve years ten cents.

—A TOMAHAWK FOUND.—Mr. Newlin Hall, of Howard, owns some well-cultivated fields from which we would suppose all traces of Indian days had long since disappeared. But on Monday of last week, as a stump was being removed from one of his fields, a veritable Indian tomahawk was discovered. Some painted savage, with revenge in his heart and a tomahawk in his hand, probably dropped it there as he fled before the advancing tide of civilization, and this noble tree, gathering the dangerous weapon beneath its spreading roots, has hid it there to be revealed at this late day, and bring to our remembrance the Indian wars of an hundred years ago.

—CENTRE COUNTY POLITICS IN 1824.—Mr. John M. Furey recently tore down the residence of his ancestors, situated at the foot of Nittany mountain, in Spring township, and in a crack of one of the logs discovered a political relic in the shape of an election ticket dating way back to the year 1824. It is printed on the rough, coarse paper in use sixty-five years ago; and is slightly stained, but the names—even that of "Jackson," written by Jeremiah Furey himself, who died in 1846—are remarkably legible. Among the names that appear on the county ticket are several whose children or children's children are yet among the most prominent people in this county. There is the well-known name of James Potter, son of brave old General Potter of Revolutionary celebrity, and Potter is yet one of the most numerous and highly respected names in this section. William Brindle, another name which appears in the same connection, was the editor and publisher of the old Bellefonte Patriot and uncle of the present distinguished General William Brindle, of Philadelphia. Two other names—Samuel McKean and William Thompson—need but be mentioned to suggest to all a host of respectable people bearing the same names throughout the length and breadth of the county. This interesting and valuable relic proves that the Divine blessing will descend even to the fourth generation on those who fear God and serve their country.

—THE CROWNING CONCERT.—Next week the enterprising village of Centre Hall will be plunged into all the gaiety, life and pleasure incident to the grandest musical convention of the season. We know it will be the finest convention yet held, as Centre Hall always makes a success of whatever she undertakes. The tuning of instruments, the assembling of sweet singers, and all the bustle and life incident to the opening of a convention will commence early on Monday morning and will continue—growing sweeter and stronger and more harmonious—until it ends with a grand crash of instruments and voices on Friday evening. Professor William T. Meyer will direct the exercises of the convention, and none are more competent to do so than he. The famous musicians, J. Witmer Wolf and Miss Ada Fisher, also promise to be present. Centre Hall, with her usual hospitality, promises to give free entertainment to all ladies and gentlemen who will come and enhance with their talents the general pleasure of the occasion.

—CAUCUS MEETINGS.—Mr. Uriah Stover, member of the Democratic Committee of Benner township, requests us to announce that the caucus to nominate a Democratic ticket for Benner township will be held in the Court House, this place, on Saturday afternoon next at or instead of three o'clock, as announced in last week's Watchman. All the Democratic citizens of Benner township are requested to be present.

—A caucus meeting of the Democracy of Spring township will be held at the office of Alexander & Bower, on Saturday next, at 2 o'clock p. m. A general attendance is desired.

—A meeting of the Democrats of the North Ward will be held at the office of J. L. Spangler, Esq., on Saturday evening at half past seven o'clock. Prompt attendance is desired.

—The Democratic voters of the South ward, Bellefonte, will meet at the office of W. C. Heinle, Esq., at 7:30 o'clock on Saturday evening, Feb. 14, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the different offices to be filled at the spring election on Tuesday, February 17, 1880.

—MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1880.—Our stock of woollens for the spring and summer season of 1880 just received. Leave your order now. Respectfully, MONTGOMERY & Co., Tailors.

MARRIAGES.

—KEICHLINE—WAGNER.—On Thursday evening, February 5, 1880, at the residence of the bride's parents at Central City, Mr. Peter F. Keichline, son of Peter Keichline, Sr., of Rock Springs, and Miss Jennie Wagner, daughter of John M. Wagner, Esq.

—BOOM—GARDNER.—At the M. E. Parsonage, Howard, January 5, 1880, by Rev. J. Benson Allen, Mr. William C. Boom and Miss Margery Belle Gardner, both of Centre county.

—LEATHERS—BRYAN.—At the residence of the bride's parents, February 1, 1880, by Rev. J. Benson Allen, Mr. Joseph Leathers, of Centre county, and Miss Oena A. Bryan, daughter of Mr. John Bryan, of Eagle Forge, Centre county.

—MUNSON—STURDEVANT.—At the residence of the bride's father, February 4th, 1880, by Rev. N. H. Miller, Mr. James H. Munson, and Miss Carrie E. Sturdevant, both of Philipsburg.

DEATHS.

—DOUBLES.—Near Pendell, in Huston township, Frederick Doubles, aged 108 years.

—MOYER.—On Sunday, February 1, in Penn township, Charles A. son of William Moyer, aged 7 weeks and 3 days.

—SNARELY.—On Wednesday, January 23, in Penn township, Mrs. Maria Snarely, wife of John Snarely, aged 59 years, 2 months and 29 days.

—MAIZE.—On Wednesday, the 4th instant, in Wilhelm Allen, son of John H. Maize, aged 10 months.

—SEAMER.—On Saturday, the 31st of January, at Aaronsburg, David Kreamer, aged 87 years, 9 months and 16 days.

—ZEIGLER.—On Wednesday, January 25, near Aaronsburg, of diphtheria, Rebecca Regina, daughter of John Zeigler, aged 3 years and 22 days.

—GRAY.—On Christmas, (December 25, 1879), at Half Moon, of diphtheria, John Eubank Gray, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Green Gray, aged 4 years, 10 months and 14 days.

—CARNER.—On the 31st ultimo, at Hubersburg, this county, William Cook, son of John C. and Henrietta Carnar, aged 9 years and 2 months.

—PURDUE.—On January 4th, Mrs. Elizabeth Purdue, at the residence of her son, Thomas G., aged 86 years and 6 days.