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Local Department.

A good shoe at Lyon & Co's for \$1.00. The finest line of Hamburg, Nansook and Swiss embroidery, at Lyon & Co's.

Just opened a big line of broche border ribbons, at Lyon & Co's.

The new barn on the rear of Mr. H. Y. Stitzer's premises has almost reached completion.

A scarlet lily of unusual beauty is blooming in one of the windows of Mr. Thomas Reynolds' residence.

The residence occupied by Mrs. Montgomery, on Allegheny street, is beautiful under the effects of fresh paint.

Miss Kate Jackson was visiting friends in Berwick, Columbia county, last week, but returned home on Saturday.

The old fence on the Spring street side of Mr. Jacob Valentine's premises has been replaced by a new one.

Miss Bella Rankin, of Boalsburg, has been visiting her cousin in the same name in this place, for the past two weeks.

The Centre County Medical Society will meet at the Brockerhoff House on Wednesday April 28, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Go and hear the Louisiana Quartette and Georgia Jubilee Singers, with Anthony & Ellis' Uncle Tom's Cabin company.

Go and see Minnie Foster, the great-est living "Topsy" on the American stage, with Anthony & Ellis' Uncle Tom's Cabin company.

The statistical report of the Presbytery of Huntingdon for the past year shows 252 persons added to the church on examination and 250 on certificate.

Mr. Walter Bayard is home again and has all he can do in shaking hands with his friends, who are glad to see him and also to learn that he intends to remain.

Mr. Levi Straub paid a visit to his home in this place last Saturday, remaining until Tuesday. He does not expect to remove his family to Altoona until next fall.

It is evident from the profusion of flowers and plants in the residence of Dr. T. R. Hayes, that the mistress of that mansion takes much delight and pride in their cultivation.

The frame residence occupied by Mr. Twitwire, situated near the junction of Logan street and the Lewistown turnpike, is now receiving extensive external and internal repairs.

Mr. John Sourbeck will be the proprietor of Reynolds' Opera House for the next ten years, he having leased it for that length of time. We hope his new enterprise will be successful.

The Bellefonte Morning News informs its readers that Mrs. Edward Kabela, formerly of this place, died quite suddenly at Pine Grove, during the early part of last week. She was residing at that place with her parents.

Dr. Hale's stone residence, one of the most substantial and elegant in this borough, has received a fresh coat of paint. The doctor always keeps his residence and all its appurtenances in the most perfect repair.

W. C. Cardon, Esq., proprietor of the Mansion House, Clearfield, was in town on Tuesday last. He desires to purchase a team of horses, and has been visiting several farmers throughout the county in search of a team to suit his taste.

The death of Miss Hoover, daughter of Mr. Samuel Hoover, of Hannah Furnace, on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, this county, occurred the early part of last week. Diphtheria was the cause of her death. She was buried on Tuesday week.

The few buildings on High street which have not been re-painted this spring are daily growing less in number. During this week, Mrs. Sussman's residence has received the finishing touches and looks quite beautiful, and now Judge John Irwin's residence is receiving an application of the brush.

The soft, warm zephyrs which have been fanning nature, for a week past, are fast bringing forth beauty. Buds are bursting into leaf, grass is springing by the wayside, parterres of flowers are blooming, birds are singing songs of melody, and all things are being clothed with life and loveliness.

A single glance at the lawn surrounding the residence of our enterprising citizen, Mr. John Ardell, is calculated to restore the most callous, sordid, hard heart to the youth and verdancy of early days. The lawn received its first mowing last Friday, and it now resembles a velvet carpet of bright, varying hues of green.

The painting firm of Lamb & Calloway, of this place, began operations with a modesty quite Lamb-like, but have increased their business into a genuine "boom." A new sign, of blue ground and gold letters, has recently been placed in position above their entrance door. They have created a great sensation in the painting business.

A new counter has recently been placed in the office of the Garman House. It was procured to add to the beauty of the office and to aid in counting the long list of names written each day upon the hotel register. Mr. Garman has made a number of other improvements that will add much to the comfort and convenience of the guests of his excellent house.

—Rev. Dr. Robinson, of Harrisburg, who, we believe, is a more than ordinarily able minister, will occupy the Presbyterian pulpit in this place next Sunday morning and evening.

—Mr. Theo. Deschner is again ahead in breaking glass balls. At a match which took place on the fair ground last Saturday afternoon, between himself and Messrs. W. H. Wilkinson and Harry Valentine, he broke 12 balls, Mr. Wilkinson 11 and Mr. Valentine 10.

—The hotels of Bellefonte seem to present to be doing an excellent business. The Brockerhoff, under the management of Mr. Teller, shows a largely increasing patronage. From Monday of last week until Saturday evening—six days—the register shows one hundred and forty-three arrivals. The Bush house is also well patronized, as the register fully testifies.

—Mr. Lot Jones, one of the pleasant young gentlemen of Phillipsburg, was married on Thursday afternoon last to Miss Gelia Denning, of Bloomington, Md. Mr. Jones and bride returned to Phillipsburg on Friday, where the groom had a residence ready furnished for the reception of his bride.

—Mr. John Musser has gone into the employ of Messrs. Gordon and Landis, and in behalf of that firm will engage in the sale of machinery and agricultural implements. Mr. Musser is an energetic man and will make business lively with those with whom he may come in contact. He has many friends who will be glad to meet him in his new occupation, and we wish him success.

—The number of sudden deaths among aged persons is certainly unprecedented. Mrs. Catharine Eckel, a lady who had almost attained her 78th year, died at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. William Tanyer, of Pine Grove, on Thursday last. She had resided at Pine Grove for many years and was one of the oldest members of the Lutheran church of that place. Her death was sudden and the result of heart disease.

—The Bellefonte Jubilee Singers, composed of Mrs. Mary Bond, soprano; Mrs. Maggie Brady, alto; Mr. George G. Skinner, tenor; Mr. John P. Thomas, baritone; and Mr. A. V. Jackson, basso, will render one of their delightful concert programmes at State College on Thursday, the 29th instant. They have frequently been heard throughout the county and are universally praised.

—The Bellefonte Morning News, which appeared last Monday morning, was even nester, brighter, more newy and readable than we had anticipated. Mr. H. Byxle is the editor and publisher, and Mr. Edward L. Gray the local scribe, each of whom have sufficient talents, good looks and experience to render the enterprise a success. Bellefonte can now boast of a daily paper, larger and more beautiful than that published in our sister city of Lock Haven, and equal to any appearing in a town of the same size and pretensions of our modest little borough.

—If Mr. John M. Duncan succeeds in establishing his summer school and conducting it on the thorough and comprehensive plan conceived by him, it will be an unusually fine opportunity for those students who design attending. He will open it on Monday, May 3, not the 30th, (which happens to be Sunday), as our pretty little contemporary of yesterday morning dares to intimate. Prof. J. M. D. is not accustomed to opening his school on Sunday. Young ladies and gentlemen from 8 years old up to an indefinite age will be received, and particular care will be given in fitting candidates for the Professor's own splendid profession. Early application is desirable.

—Our friend, Rev. John Hewitt, met with another mishap last week, which, although not so disastrous in its results as his recent adventure in Kansas, was even more frightful while it lasted. He was fishing, and waded across the channel intervening between the bank and the boggy, marshy piece of land lying in Logan's branch of Spring creek just this side of Valentines' Forge. He did not know the nature of the land, and stepped on it fearlessly. With every step he sank deeper, and when he felt the cold, damp earth closing about his waist, his hair fairly stood on end with fright. A desperate effort, however, brought him across the bog, and he landed safely on terra firma.

The reverend gentleman was in such a sad plight that he did not wish to meet his friends, and so waded down the creek to Lamb street, and from there made his way to the rectory with as few steps as possible.

—The usual meeting of Gregg Post, G. A. R., took place last Saturday night, and during the previous day the Club flag bearing the inscription, "Meeting To-night," was suspended across the street. Before the Club assembled an effort was made to haul in the flag, but the wind had so wrapped its folds about the rope that it absolutely refused to move. The effort was given up until the adjournment of the Club, when several veterans began again the work of taking it in. Half an hour passed away in useless pulling and jerking at the rope, during which two or three members of the Club who observe the Sabbath very strictly contemplated with horror the thought of the flag remaining out during that sacred day, announcing a meeting of the Club at night. They procured long poles and poked at it from the window of the Club and from the awning over the stores, but all in vain. At last with a frantic effort the end of the flag was pulled up and wound about the ropes when the veterans retired defeated and disgusted.

THE BOROUGH FATHERS IN COUNCIL.—President Ardell and Messrs. Crider, Harper, Hunter, McClure, McQuiston, Mullen and Tate were the borough legislators who were present at the meeting of Council last Monday night.

Since last meeting of Council, the Street committee has been making a thorough examination of the streets, pavements, bridges, &c., throughout the town and gave a long report concerning them, recommending a variety of other things, that a railing be erected along Pike street from William Steel's property to its intersection with Logan street; and that the bridge across Spring creek on Lamb street be properly braced and propped until August court, when an effort should be made to have the county rebuild it.

The Market committee reported \$2.30 fees paid to treasurer.

The Street committee were directed to build the fence along Spring creek. The committee were also authorized to give the property owners who have no pavements before their property sixty days' notice to build them, and proceed according to ordinance.

PLEASANT GAP.—This pleasant terminus of the summer drives of our people, the dividing line between Nittany and Penns Valleys, has arrived to the dignity of one of the most handsome and charming little villages of our county. It is settled by intelligent, social and industrious people, apparently in the possession of as much happiness and comfort as it is the lot of mortals to enjoy. But while bearing testimony to the general character of this pleasant little village and its happy surroundings, we cannot forego the pleasure which old acquaintance and old friendship gives us to designate one of its oldest and earliest inhabitants for special remark—Johnny Barnes, the gate keeper, who for forty years has collected the tolls and accounted to his company, without default of a day. Who does not know and regard him with unqualified respect? Upright in every relation of life, he has acquired a character for probity and true manhood that the most exalted might envy. Mr. Barnes is an Englishman, and came to this country, we believe, in 1834. He has reared a large and respectable family in our midst, and now, at the age of eighty years, still guards the gate and pursues the quiet industry of his youthful life.

A RELIC.—We have in our possession an autograph letter written by James Madison that may be regarded as something of a curiosity. It was picked up somewhere in Virginia, during the war, by a soldier, and was given to us some four or five years ago. The letter bears date, "Williamsburg, September 20, 1786," twenty-two years before the distinguished writer was elected President of the United States. It is addressed to a gentleman at Alexandria, and relates to the affairs of the old college of William and Mary at that place. It reads as follows:

DEAR STUART:—Not being acquainted with the name of your printer in Alexandria, I must beg the favor of you to have the inclosed advertisement inserted in his paper. I find it is not known, or scarcely heard of, in the Northern parts of Virginia, that we have resolved to re-establish Board in the College. Your paper circulates also in Maryland, from whence we sometimes have inquires respecting Board, &c. I have great hopes that the plan we have adopted will tend much to revive a Seminary, which hitherto has been of too partial a benefit to ye community, on account of the high charges for Board. Youth of moderate resources, from whom generally most is to be expected, were on account of ye expense of the place, driven to other Seminaries, or deprived altogether of the advantages which they might possibly have received here. I would not have troubled you, however, with this matter, if I were not assured of your attachment to your Alma Mater. The expense you may be at shall be refunded whilst you are upon ye ensuing Assembly.

Believe me to be with ye most sincere esteem, Yr. Friend & Serv't, J. MADISON.

Whilst thus interested in the success of this Seminary of learning, Mr. Madison also seems to have been alive to the importance of political affairs, for the above letter contains a postscript intended for Mr. Stuart's benefit when he should come to "ye ensuing Assembly." It reads as follows:

"I hope you will go well armed to repel the attacks of those enemies to ye happiness and prosperity of their country who meditate ye introduction of paper money. I do not ask you what you think upon this subject, because I am sure you will not approve of a scheme which the honest and good patriot must condemn. I speak of this species of money as a Legal Tender. Inna is pouring over Pownel, Hume, Smith and a dozen others, and is ready to head the first forlorn hope which shall be advanced against the works of these Paper Gentry."

It may be inferred from this postscript that if Mr. Madison had lived in our day he would not have been much of a "Greenbacker." The allusion to paper money as a "Legal Tender" is especially significant.

—Mr. T. B. Jamison, of Gregg township, is agent for the Racine School Furniture Company, of Chicago, Ill., and recently furnished the desks for the school room of Prof. D. M. Wolf, at Spring Mills. Mr. Wolf has written the following letter recommending the furniture to others:

MR. T. B. JAMISON—My Dear Sir: The "Pforated Desks" manufactured by the Racine School Furniture Company, which you placed in our school room, have given entire satisfaction. I take pleasure in recommending them to school officers who may wish to provide their school rooms with good furniture. Yours, &c., D. M. WOLF. Spring Mills, Pa., April 16, 1880.

THE CONVOCATION OF WILLIAMSPORT A GRAND SUCCESS.—The largest audience ever assembled in the Episcopal church, this place, gathered last Tuesday evening to listen to services the most impressive ever held in Bellefonte. Ten visiting clergy were present, and made an imposing appearance as they took their seats in the chancel. The evening service lasted until half-past nine o'clock and was unusually grand. It was largely choral, the 10th Selection of Psalms and the Creed being chanted. The Bishop of the diocese, Rt. Rev. M. A. De Wolfe Howe, of Reading, delivered a most appropriate and beautiful sermon from Matthew 20: 2: "And when he had agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard." The Bishop's interpretation of this parable differed from that often given. He argued that the "penny a day" does not and can not represent the final reward which those who have covenanted with the Lord shall receive, but rather it represents the opportunities and privileges which all enjoy who are called from the world to labor in the Master's vineyard. At the close of the discourse, Rev. John Hewitt presented to the Bishop the following candidates for the holy rite of Confirmation: Miss Amanda Armor, Minnie Garman, Carrie Vosburg, Jennie Reynolds, Katie Jackson, Minerva Wilkinson and Katy Morgan and Mr. Charles Barrett. The remarks of the Bishop to those who had received Confirmation, were exceedingly tender and affectionate. One candidate, who was ill on Tuesday evening, was confirmed privately on Wednesday morning. At the close of the service, a very enjoyable reception was held at the Rectory for the visiting clergy, a large number of the congregation and friends being present. Bishop Howe departed on the 10 o'clock A. M. train yesterday.

A private meeting of the clergy and laity was held at 9 A. M. yesterday morning. A public service was held at 10 A. M., after which the rite of holy communion was administered. At the meeting at 3 P. M. an essay was read and a general discussion upon interesting topics ensued. An improvised service was held last night at which entertaining speeches were made by the visiting clergymen. The Convocation was considered a most interesting and profitable gathering by the members of the congregation and all who attended its sessions.

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL.—The elements behaved about as bad as they possibly could for the success of the Logan boys' festival last Friday and Saturday evenings. Shortly after 8 o'clock on Friday night a storm of wind, rain, thunder and lightning put an effectual damper over the prospects for that evening, and the charming young ladies who were presiding over the tables almost cried in despair, and the boys looked with disappointment at the receipts, which only reached \$12. On Saturday the thermometer descended with frightful rapidity which made the delicious ice cream prepared for the occasion look chilling in its coolness. But people partook of it for the sake of the new uniforms, and put \$70 more in the treasury. The combined receipts reached \$82, of which about \$90 is clear gain. Now, if this sum can be trebled or quadrupled in some way, we suppose it will be sufficient to buy the uniforms.

The contest for that beautiful cake which was for several days on exhibition in Miller & Hoover's show window, was exciting. It was awarded to Miss Katy Lose, daughter of Mr. George Lose, of this place. In size and elegance it was sufficient to make Mr. Lose's family sweet for several days. Miss Nellie Boan drew a lovely chromo. The boys feel grateful for their success, and express their thanks in an especial manner to the following young ladies: Miss Lala Klinger, Bertha Schrock, Lizzie Schrom, Jennie Ross, Ada Haupt, Nellie Boan, Theresa Hazel and Hannah Kiley.

Among those who rendered very valuable assistance were: Mrs. George Bayard, Mrs. John W. Moore, Miss Elizabeth Boney and Messrs. J. H. Sands, Joseph Cedars, Calvin Smith and Frederick Schlenker.

THE CENTRE HALL LOCAL CONVENTION.—Last week we referred to the local convention of the Young Men's Christian Association to be held at Centre Hall next Saturday and Sunday, and are able this week to inform our readers what exercises those who attend may expect. At 10 o'clock on Saturday morning a meeting for young men will be held, and at 2 o'clock there will be a conference of delegates and members of the Centre Hall Association. This will be followed by a public meeting at 2 1/2 o'clock, at which, after devotional exercises, papers on the following topics will be read:

"How can we best increase the interest in Bible study in our Associations?" by Mr. Isaac Mitchell.

"Our Work for boys," by Rev. S. A. Taggart.

"What features of literary and social work are best adapted to small places?" by Mr. John Mason Duncan.

"How can weak Associations be strengthened?" by Prof. John W. Heston, of State College.

At 7 1/2 P. M., in the evening a service of song will be held, followed by short addresses upon different phases of Association work. On Sunday the services will commence with a consecration meeting at 9 A. M. At 2 1/2 P. M. there will be a young men's meeting. The convention will conclude with a union farewell service at 7 1/2 P. M.

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.

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN NEXT MONDAY EVENING.—That great American drama, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," will again be given to a Bellefonte audience in Reynolds' Hall, next Monday evening, under new auspices and favorable circumstances. For an idea of the treat in store for the audience, we need only refer them to the following press notices:

Probably the largest audience ever crowded into the Town Hall since its renovation, greeted the performance of Uncle Tom's Cabin by the Anthony & Ellis' troupe last evening. The performance was well up to the expectations of the audience, which is certainly according high praise to the actors, for every one has seen the play and read the story, and because of its familiarity to the public, must be exceptionally well pleased. Little May Hillman as Eva, was almost perfect. Minnie Foster as Topsy, would be hard to beat, while Gumption Cate, Marks and Phineas Fletcher were at their best. The Jubilee Singers were received with enthusiasm by the audience, being encored three times in succession. Anthony & Ellis can count on another full house if they wish to visit Brattleboro again at any time.—Brattleboro (Vermont) Record.

Anthony & Ellis' Uncle Tom's Cabin had a rousing full house last night and presented that famous play in the best manner ever seen here. The actors were all evidently experienced. Little Eva was beautiful and splendid. Topsy was admirable in her part, and Marks was the best lawyer we have ever seen in that play. The scene in the death of Eva was very touching and impressive, and again beautiful in the allegorical tableaux of Eva in Heaven, in which she clings to the Cross amid fairy light, while the chorus are singing Rary of Ages. It is a pleasure to commend this company as one sure to give satisfaction.—Hartford (Conn.) Times.

H. W. Foutz, of the Bellefonte Planing Mill, intends to close out his business by the 1st of May, and from this time will sell sash, doors and mouldings at extremely low prices. Persons desiring anything of the kind will make bargains by calling upon him soon. 17-2L.

MARRIAGES.

GRUB-ANDERSON.—In Millsburg, on the 11th of April, at the residence of Samuel Hartshuy, by P. H. Haupt, J. P., George A. Grub, of Nittany Hall, and Miss Anna Anderson, of Boggs township.

COWHER-WAY.—At the residence of Scott Miles, Esq., in Port Matilda, Centre county, on the 11th instant, by Rev. W. A. Ridge, Mr. Martin Cowher and Mrs. Hannah Way, all of Port Matilda.

WAT-MATTHEW.—On Tuesday, March 30, at Half Moon, Mr. J. A. Way and Miss Emma Matthews.

ALLIE-TIPPLE.—At the residence of Hiram T. Lucas, Esq., in Howard, on April 15, 1880, by Elder R. Blair, Mr. Joseph Allie, of Flemington, and Miss Catharine Tipple, of Howard.

EVEY-MILLER.—On Thursday, the 16th instant, at Spring Mills, by Rev. W. E. Fischer, Mr. W. H. Evey, of Lemont, to Miss Mollie E. Miller, of Pine Grove Mills.

DEATHS.

WASSON.—At Lemont, of consumption, Alice M., daughter of George E. and Mary Wasson, aged 19 years, 10 months and 10 days.

BUMGARDNER.—On Thursday morning, April 8, near Centre Hall, Mrs. Frances Bumgardner, aged 26 years, 6 months and 11 days.

DEBIST.—After a brief illness, of pneumonia, at the residence of her parents in Potter township, near Centre Hall, March 21, 1880, Vera M. Durst, daughter of Alfred and Allie M. Durst, aged 11 months and 5 days.

SHIRK.—On Sunday morning, April 11, in Potter township, of pneumonia, Mr. Joseph Shirk, aged 74 years and 11 days.

YOUNG.—On the 8th of April, at the residence of William Young in Georges Valley, Mrs. Catharine Young, consort of John T. Young, aged 86 years and 6 months.

ECKEL.—At 4 o'clock A. M. Thursday, April 15, at the home of her son-in-law, Wm. Tanyer, of Pine Grove, Mrs. Catharine Eckel, aged 77 years, 8 months and 15 days.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—SHIP.—The partnership heretofore existing between D. C. Shuey and O. J. Allison, in the business of butchering, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. D. C. SHUEY, O. J. ALLISON.

Howard, Pa., April 19, 1880.

The undersigned will continue the business at the old stand, and by keeping none but the best meats, hopes to merit continued patronage. D. C. SHUEY, 17-3L.

Mercantile Appraisement.

THE vendors of foreign and domestic merchandise, distillers and brewers, brokers, &c., in Centre county, will take notice that they are appraised and valued by the undersigned appraiser of mercantile and other business for the year 1880, as follows, to wit:

Table with columns: NAME, BUSINESS, CLASS, AM'T. Lists various merchants and their businesses across different locations like Bellefonte, State College, etc.

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