

# The Centre Democrat.

Thursday Morning, April 29, 1880.

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.

—April ends to-morrow.

—New Languedoc laces, at Lyon & Co's.

—A good shoe at Lyon & Co's for \$1.00.

—A good hat at Lyon & Co's, for 35 cents.

—A fine lace shoe at Lyon & Co's, for \$1.25.

—The first day of May brings the last quarter of the moon.

—Conklin farm and lumber wagons for sale by Alexander & Co.

—Mangel wurzel and sugar beet seed for sale by Alexander & Co.

—The matinee this afternoon will be a delightful entertainment.

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

—A splendid array of clothing is now on display at the Philadelphia Branch store.

—Men's and boys' clothing of every quality and size at the Philadelphia Branch clothing store.

—Heller, the magician, will give an exhibition in Reynolds' Hall to-morrow evening, April 30.

—A splendid button shoe at Lyon & Co's, for \$1.25.

—Rev. J. P. Hughes occupied the pulpit of the Lutheran church, of this place, last Sunday morning.

—A splendid Cortland platform spring wagon, buggy and phaeton for sale by Alexander & Co.

—Mrs. Harry Brew, of Tyrone, spent the first few days of this week with her parents in this place.

—Attend the matinee to be given at 2 o'clock this afternoon by the Anglo-American Marionettes.

—The finest stock of ladies' French kid button boots, at Lyon & Co's.

—Mr. Cyrus B. Stover and family, of Millheim, have departed for Pleasant Valley, Lincoln county, Kansas.

—It is foolish to do without good clothes while they may be purchased so cheap at the Philadelphia Branch store.

—Alexander & Co. have re-lettered the sign attached to the awning on the High street side of their business headquarters.

—A State Convention of School Superintendents is now in session at Harrisburg, Prof. Henry H. Meyer being in attendance.

—Mr. Lewin, of the Philadelphia Branch store, has returned home, bringing with him another large stock of beautiful clothing.

—George F. Borie, Esq., delivered a free lecture in Philipsburg last Monday night on the subject of "American Oddfellows."

—The portico of Mr. W. F. Criders's residence on Linn street has recently been repainted by that excellent workman, Mr. R. J. Doak.

—Many of the beautiful new suits in which Bellefonte gentlemen are now appearing were purchased at the Philadelphia Branch store.

—Mr. Graham, the Allegheny street barber, has been making improvements in a lavish manner in and about his barber shop during this spring.

—The residence of Mr. Thaddeus Hamilton, on Howard street, occupied by Mr. Thomas Shaughnessy, has received a new roof and other repairs.

—The usual monthly meeting will be held in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association on Sunday afternoon next at 4 o'clock. All are invited to be present.

—Down the road to poverty and death, plunges the man, by taking costly and poisonous medicines, when one of Day's Kidney Pads would make him a hale and hearty man.

—Philipsburg will have a few handsome residences added to her present number during the coming summer. Among them will be one for Mrs. J. A. Ganee and also one for Dr. Loraine.

—Mr. Benjamin Schroyer and Mr. Clifford Thomas, the former an express messenger and the latter learning his trade in the machine shops of Altoona, spent last Sunday at home.

—Mrs. John G. Love, of Linn street, is rejoicing in the possession of a beautiful amaryllis, a most rare and lovely plant, which is at present bearing the wealth of eight fully developed blossoms.

—Miss Mary McBride will open a large and handsome stock of fine millinery today, in her store room on the corner of Allegheny and Bishop streets. This fine assortment has been placed at the lowest prices.

—Mrs. Calvin Waltz, sister of Mrs. Peter Wian, died on Sunday morning at six o'clock, after a protracted illness. The funeral took place on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock from the residence of Mr. Wian at Beaver's farm, in Spring township.

—Evidently, there are many "sugar and salt" Christians in this place, who are afraid of dissolving if a little rain falls on them. The slight rain of Sunday last caused the attendance at all the churches to decrease at least fifty per cent.

—The members of the Presbyterian congregation listened to two admirable sermons from Rev. Dr. Robinson, of Harrisburg, on Sunday last. His remarks at night were based upon II Corinthians 3:5, last clause, "Our sufficiency is of God."

—Big lot of children's suits at Lyon & Co's, from \$2.00 up.

—The handsome sign before Deschner's gun shop, in which he displays fishing tackle and other articles belonging to the sportsman's art, has been re-lettered very neatly, and looks even more attractive than before.

—Three and four button kid gloves from 35 cents up, at Lyon & Co's.

—Eagleville enjoyed the diversion of a street entertainment, one day last week. A man and his wife walked a rope extending across the street, and the man is said to have lifted a barrel upon which two children were sitting, merely by the strength of his teeth.

—The finest line of Hamburg, Nansook and Swiss embroidery, at Lyon & Co's.

—Misses Lizzie Campbell and Annie McCaffrey, who have been teaching during the past winter in the public schools of this place, opened select schools in the public school building last Monday morning. They are deserving young ladies and good teachers and deserve many scholars.

—Wide satin ribbons, all shades, for 15 cents a yard, at Lyon & Co's.

—The Mountain City Band again appeared upon the streets last Thursday evening. After playing several sweet airs before the residence of Mr. McKee, on Water street, they adjourned to the Brockhoff House, where they once more caused the air to vibrate with waves of delightful melody.

—A big line of flowers for belts and neck wear, at Lyon & Co's.

—Rev. S. A. Taggart, State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., left this place on Monday morning last for Philipsburg, where he expects to organize an Association. He reports several young gentlemen at that place anxious for such an Association, and is quite certain that his mission will be successful.

—Big line of linen collars at Lyon & Co's, for 8 cents.

—Miss Rosa A. Woods, one of the most accomplished lady teachers in this place, and who contributed very materially to the high success of the Bellefonte public schools during last winter, opened a select school last Monday morning. She occupies the Principal's room in the public school building.

—Not a single house is at present being erected in the limits of the City of Lock Haven, which shows that place to be in even a more confirmed state of dullness than this town. Bellefonte can boast of at least one elegant residence and a barn now in process of erection—and as to repairs, their name is legion.

—Lewin, at the Philadelphia Branch Clothing store, is an enterprising gentleman, and is never behind any one in the way of novelties. He is at present distributing to his customers a lot of beautiful chromos containing his business card. He has over one hundred varieties of them and they are really very pretty pictures. He has kindly remembered us in the distribution of them, for which we return sincere thanks.

—On Wednesday of last week, Mr. William Thomas, ticket agent at the depot at this place, was wedded to Miss Sarah Zimmerman, at the residence of the bride's parents in Milesburg, Rev. W. O. Wright, of that place, performing the ceremony. Mr. Thomas and his happy bride departed on a honeymoon tour to the West. We wish them a life filled to overflowing with happiness. Mr. Martin Haines, of Milesburg, is filling Mr. Thomas' place at the depot, until his return.

—Mr. Charles Cromley lingered for a few days in town last week. He looks very much as of yore, except that his dapper little figure is now surmounted by a tall silk hat. Mrs. Cromley also accompanied him. They departed for home on Tuesday, having enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Charley is engaged in the tea business in Altoona, and is of such a vivacious disposition that he is well suited to make his business a success in that lively city.

—Mr. Robert Lloyd, of Philipsburg, was a visitor in town on Saturday, and lighted up our sanctum with his genial presence. Mr. Lloyd is a gentleman who creates a favorable impression upon first acquaintance, and the impression deepens as the acquaintance ripens into intimacy.

—The members of Gregg Post, of the G. A. R., of Bellefonte, are already making preparations to observe Decoration Day with proper ceremonies. They have secured Hon. Jos. W. Parker, of Millin county, to deliver the oration; and as Mr. Parker is an attractive and eloquent public speaker, he will no doubt honor the occasion with an appropriate, instructive and entertaining address.

—The internal appearance of S. A. Brew & Son's grocery has very much improved during the past week. The proprietors have become victims to the "rage" for improvements, and their store, which always looked fine, is now handsomer than ever. This store is patronized by a large number of buyers, and the Brews—both father and son—are considered among the most competent and skillful grocers in town.

—The pin manufacturers of the United States have formed a strong combination and advanced the price of these useful little articles. This will prove sad news for the ladies. For if there is one thing more peculiar than another about the apparel of a woman, it is the number of pins she uses. But, although fancy prices are demanded for pins, it is a great source of consolation that groceries cannot advance. Sechler remains firm and always gives choice, fresh groceries at prices which defy all competition.

—The Mountain City Band has again been singularly fortunate in procuring a leader to take the place of Mr. W. E. Burchfield, who did so much in bringing it to its present status. The new leader is Mr. Richard Willis, of New York, who is well known by the title of "the world-renowned cornet soloist," and who will arrive next Saturday or Monday to begin operations. He has a fine reputation as a musician. Under his skillful instructions, the excellent material of which the band is composed will be cultivated to its full development, and become more than ever before an honor to the town and a credit to itself.

—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 moldings at extremely low prices. Persons desiring anything of the kind will make bargains by calling upon him soon.

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## THE OPENING DAYS OF APRIL COURT.

—Court was called on Monday, at 10 o'clock A. M., with His Honor Judge Orvis and Associate Judges Franck and Diven on the bench. After hearing an unusually large number of petitions and motions, court adjourned till the afternoon.

On Monday afternoon the list of grand jurors was called. John Rishel, Esq., of Potter township, was selected as foreman. District Attorney Fortney, who is always on hand with his prepared indictments, at the beginning of court, was present as usual, and pushed through about twenty indictments in the remarkably short time of from Monday afternoon to Tuesday noon. With the assistance of the excellent foreman, the grand jury was discharged by the court, after having been in attendance less than three days.

In the Court of Common Pleas the following cases were disposed of:

Henry Gentzel et al. vs. Smith & Co., action assumpt. Verdict for plaintiffs.

Hoffer & Kline vs. R. W. Snook and Samuel Christ, trading as R. Snook & Co. Plaintiffs were non-suited as to Samuel Christ.

Owen McCann vs. James B. Williams and E. Records. Defendants confessed judgment for \$91.35.

Overseers of the Poor of Worth Township, vs. Overseers of the Poor of Taylor Township. Plaintiffs suffer a voluntary non-suit.

In the Court of Quarter Sessions the following cases were tried and otherwise disposed of as follows:

Commonwealth vs. James Witmer and John Kline—*nolle pros*. Upon payment of costs, defendants entered into recognizance to keep the peace.

Same vs. Samuel Campbell, larceny. Pleads guilty. The usual sentence with two months in the county jail.

Same vs. O. M. Sheets, assault and battery. Pleads guilty. The usual sentence given and fine of \$5.

Same vs. Albert Snyder, larceny. Pleads guilty. Sentenced as usual with one year in the western penitentiary.

Same vs. Lemuel Dougherty, fornication and bastardy. Pleads guilty. Sentenced as usual in such cases.

Same vs. J. W. Snook, violation of the liquor law. Pleads guilty. Sentenced to pay costs and fine of \$50.

Same vs. Frank Silknitter, assault and battery—tried. Verdict, not guilty, and prosecutor to pay two-fifths of the costs and defendant three-fifths.

Same vs. Mitchell Lucas and Frank Ross, assault and battery. True bill (case is now being tried).

Same vs. James Reighter and John Reaser, assault and battery. True bill.

Same vs. W. S. Wagner, assault and battery. True bill.

Same vs. W. S. Musser, violation of the liquor law. Pleads guilty. Sentenced to pay costs and fine of \$50.

Same vs. Jonathan Kreamer, violation of the liquor law. Pleads guilty. Sentenced to pay the costs and fine of \$50.

Same vs. H. A. Krumrine, obtaining endorsement of note under false pretenses. True bill.

Same vs. Mitchell Lucas, assault and battery with intent to kill. True bill.

Same vs. James Murray, surety of the peace.

Same vs. Thomas Moore and John Hayes, assault and battery. True bill.

REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions for the County of Centre:

The Grand Jury of this April term of Court beg leave to report as follows: That, after making a thorough examination of the public offices and buildings, we find them in good condition, the jail being kept in a very neat and clean manner.

JOHN RISHEL, Foreman.

Bellefonte, April 27, 1880.

HELLER, THE MAGICIAN.—It has been so long since a genuine first-class magician has visited this town that the appearance of the famous wizard, Heller, in Reynolds' Hall to-morrow (Friday) evening, will be received with pleasure. He is announced for but one exhibition, and those desiring to witness his marvelous tricks of slight-of-hand must take that opportunity. He will give away some beautiful and valuable presents, consisting of sets of furniture, lounges, silver-plated tea sets, dress patterns, &c. Every person will receive something as there are no blank tickets. The entertainment itself will be wonderful and worth a dozen times the price of admission, which has been placed at the moderate sum of 25 and 35 cents.

—The return of house-cleaning season is again at hand. Clouds of dust are floating through the air as carpets are being beat or shook in the rear yard. The man with the whitewash brush smiles as he plies the brush along the ceiling for twenty cents a coat, and the painter laughs aloud as he covers the soiled walls with paper and paint. The "man of the house" tries to smile, but miserably fails, as he beholds the extensive and savory dinners of mince pie, plum pudding and turkey have now given place to whatever may be most hastily and easily served. Beneath his feet is the bare floor, upon the table are boiled potatoes, bread and butter and preserves, in the next room is the ceaseless din of the scrubbing brush, and the odor of soap suds pervades his nostrils. Opposite him is his wife who is only positive about one thing—that she will work herself to death before the house-cleaning is over.

At night he finds his bed removed from its usual position to the other side of the room, while the bureau has vanished entirely. His wife thinks the new arrangement will improve the appearance. Fortunately for the maintenance of reason on her throne, this distracting state of affairs only continues for a short time. Then the wonder is how the same old house and furniture can be so improved at such slight cost. The out-door atmosphere has been admitted to drive forth the musty, lazy air of winter, and the sweet sense that a pure and healthy home has been re-established for another year takes possession of the mind.

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—All the members of Logan Hose Company having hats, shirts or belts in their possession are requested to return them to the hose house before the next regular meeting, Tuesday evening, May 4, and receive new ones, or report the same to Mr. William Hillibish, the secretary. From this we infer that the new uniforms have become a substantial reality, and it will not be necessary to repeat such a reasonable request.

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—Capt. Isaac Little, a gentleman well known in and formerly a resident of Centre county, died at Trenton, N. J., on Tuesday, the 20th instant.

## CENTRE COUNTY PEOPLE IN THE WESTERN CYCLONE.

—The news of the appalling disaster which brought death and distress, weeping and mourning into every home in the beautiful and thriving little town of Marshfield, Webster county, Mo., was startling and terrible wherever it was heard, but to many, even in our own county, it was sad in the extreme, because of parents or sisters or brothers who had emigrated to that western town and were victims of the universal destruction.

Through the courtesy of a friend residing in the vicinity of Marshfield, we have received a copy of the Webster County News, one of the two newspapers published in that ill-fated town—the one before us being last Thursday's issue—which gives full and reliable particulars of the disastrous event.

The town contained a population of eight hundred. Eighty were killed outright, and two hundred were wounded, of whom many are expected to die.

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