

The Centre Democrat.

Thursday Morning, December 20, 1883.

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

Local Department.

—Wet one day and cold (in your head) next.

—Weather prophets are "nix nuts" now days.

—Have you heard anything of the new depot?

—Millheim has been afflicted with scarlet fever.

—Important railroad meeting to-night at the Court House.

—Philadelphians are complaining of an unusually dull season.

—Don't forget about the Logan Hose Ball on New Years Eve.

—Mrs. Colonel Hastings is spending the Holiday season in Philadelphia.

—We had just about enough snow to make us feel bad, on Monday morning.

—Our friend Deininger has moved into his new quarters at last. Success to you, Ben.

—You can't hunt deer now. We don't mean the pretty deer of Bellefonte, though.

—J. S. Fisher, Esq., the boss carriage builder of Rebersburg, was in town Monday last.

—A. W. Rishel, Esq., of Milesburg, cut his hand very badly on some broken glass on Monday last.

—"Jimmie," the Italian murderer, was allowed all the time necessary to get away, so he "slid out."

—Mr. Ed. Garman has recovered and is now at his business stand. We offer our congratulations, Ed.

—District Attorney Heinle was out at Philipsburg and Sandy Ridge on Thursday day looking after the parties concerned in the riot at the latter place.

—The revival at Valentine's works is very interesting. Great interest is shown, and large numbers of mourners prove what good seed is being sown.

—Emanuel Brown, Esq., proprietor of the Cummings House, Bishop street, is doing a rushing business, and sets one of the best tables in the country.

—They say 'Squire Corman shot a wild cat. We knew our friend is gifted, but this is the first time he has figured as a mighty nimrod, to our knowledge.

—Gen. Beaver delivered an able address last Thursday evening before the Young Men's Christian Association of Reading. An immense meeting greeted our fellow townsmen.

—Geo. Wolfe, brother of Maj. John A. Wolfe, who lay ill so long at Garman's hotel, has so far recovered as to resume his position on the engineer corps, now surveying the line to Lemoent.

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—For gheek command us to the Penn's, R. Co. The demand of that corporation for \$25,000 additional to complete the road from Lemont to Spring Mills, is about as modest as the "stand and deliver" proposition of the highwayman. Of course our friends in Pennsvalley will give that corporation all the money they need. \$25,000 is a small sum to donate to so generous a corporation.

—Mr. S. Frank Van Ormer, our carrier-boy, will visit our patrons and people of Bellefonte in general, with his "Christmas Greeting" on Monday morning. Frank has served his patrons well and faithfully during the past year and expects to "do" Philadelphia the day after Christmas with the proceeds of his address, so don't be bashful in handing over your dimes and quarters. You know 'tis the Indian who gives "no quarters."

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Our Schools.

We have heard much of late of the crowded condition of our public schools. Little rooms intended originally for recitation and cloak rooms, have been seated and are now crowded with fifty and sixty school children, as many as three, and in some instances four, being crowded on one seat. The health of the children must certainly be more or less endangered by the crowding of so many into such small and poorly ventilated rooms.

When erected, the school building contained only eight rooms proper, and from the arrangement and plan of the building that is all the rooms it was ever intended to have. These rooms are not large, and can not be made to comfortably seat more than fifty pupils to a room. With the exception of the two highest grades, we believe every room now has over fifty pupils.

We understand that the School Board has had the crowded condition of our schools under consideration for some time. They have concluded that something must be done for the relief of the schools; that the health and welfare of the children demand it. Just what to do is certainly no trifling question. The Board is hampered all the time by an enormous debt, contracted years ago in the construction of a building, intended for a town that never could or would increase in population.

Two or three propositions have been made which it is hoped will afford the required relief. One is to rent a room, and erect another school of about the same grade as schools No. three and four, and take out of the schools now existing pupils enough for the new school. This would make it necessary to employ another teacher.

Another proposition is to secure a large room capable of seating anywhere from seventy to one hundred pupils, with a convenient recitation room; furnish these rooms at the least possible cost, and then move the two schools of the highest grade out of the school building to this room. This school then to be under the immediate control of Professors Lieb and Myer. Prof. Lieb to give at least one-half of his time to schools remaining in the public building.

This plan would leave two large rooms on the first floor, of the school building to be filled by the pupils now crowded into a couple of miserably little side rooms.

The School Laws make it obligatory upon the Directors to establish a sufficient number of schools to educate every individual above the age of six and under twenty-one years in the districts, who shall apply for admission. The law cannot be complied with without more room. The Directors owe it to themselves, as well as to the patrons of the school, to provide more commodious school rooms for a large number of pupils now crowded into inconvenient little rooms.

—The greatest curiosity in Bellefonte at present is "The Beautiful Little Lady," now on exhibition in Sandis' window on Allegheny street. "This Little Lady" is dressed off, and looks as if she had just arrived from Paris. "The Little Lady" is dressed in blue silk and a fur-lined circular, with hat and muff to match, and is the handsomest dressed doll ever seen. It is a genuine French doll, and as large as a child of five or six years old. Don't fail to call and see it. Remember, for every one dollars worth of toys you buy, you will receive a chance.

—James Scofield, Esq., the popular Spring street Saddler and Harness-maker, has the finest line of Harness, Robes, Blankets, &c., &c., of any other firm in Centre county. Call and see him, and learn his prices before purchasing elsewhere.

—New Jersey—winter packed—Sweet Potatoes, at Lewis'.

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