

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

Local Department.

Rip. Van Winkle. Next—Easter. Did you get a valentine? Valentines flitted through the mails today. Street Commissioner Shaugheney is busy. Poultry was in big demand on Saturday last. The recent heavy rains have made our roads quite heavy. If you wish to purchase anything consult the columns of the DEMOCRAT. Retired—our "open and mild winter" prophets. The prospects of the wheat crops throughout the State looks encouraging. Thompson, the deepest basso living, is with Donavin's Famous Tennesseans. That little "scene" enacted in the auction room Saturday evening was highly interesting and amusing. The Leap Year German given at the Bush House last Thursday evening was an exceedingly enjoyable affair. The recent high waters have caused considerable delays and inconveniences nearly all over the land. The meeting of the Beaver Band will be held at the residence of Dr. E. S. Dorworth to-morrow evening. Our friend Augustus Hoover is again at his post of duty, we are happy to say. The pulpit at the Presbyterian church will be filled by Rev. L. L. Haughwaut, of Kishacoquillas, next Sunday. We wonder who could have sent that valentine. They must have been almost bankrupt, for it was only a one center. The spring election will be held on the 19th inst. Select your best men, and then let every voter step out and do his duty. A valentine weighing 136 pounds was sent to a young lady at Milesburg this week. Guess she was pleased with it. A colored man, of Bellefonte, named Miller recently received a pension of \$1,200 for a son who was killed in the army. That new 32 power electric hanging lamp at Mr. J. D. Sourbeck's confectionery is very nobby and greatly admired by every one. Eighty-four petitions for license was presented at the last term of court at Clearfield, of which Judge Krebs refused forty-two. Mr. Henry Myers, of Boiling Springs, returned from his ten days trip to New York city last week. He reports having had a large time. The press pronounce Miss Emma Conrad, of the Famous Tennesseans, a wonderful soprano, and the peer of many far more pretending. Orlando Blake, the peerless comedian as Rip Van Winkle. Opera House to-morrow night. Chart now open at Sourbeck's. Secure your seats early. One of our merchants, from force of habit, struck a match and then turned on the "electric" a few evenings since. It did not take him long to discover his mistake. The well known firm of Harper Bros. has been changed to Harper's & Co. Mr. Harry Schroyer and Mr. Stewart Brough were admitted into partnership with the firm. The Tennesseans learned many of their religious melodies from old "Aunt Betsy," the best known colored revivalist in or about Nashville. Opera House, February 22. This world is pretty even—the piano has spoiled many a good dish washer, and every good dish washer has spoiled the piano. Jersey Shore Herald.—How do you know this, Charley? Who would not be a benedict? Our friend S. D. Ray does not feel half as nervous now as he did just previous to his marriage, and says he has had such good living since that he is beginning to get the gout. The supervisors of some of our townships have erected sign boards at the intersection of the different by-roads in their respective districts. That's right gentlemen, keep the good work up; and we should be glad to hear of the other supervisors following in the same footsteps. A fire was discovered in the clothing store of M. Levi & Co., caused by the explosion of a coal oil lamp, on Wednesday night the 6th, at about half past eleven o'clock. Fortunately it was discovered in time to avert any serious consequences. The Undine boys were on hand promptly; but their services were not required. What might have proven a serious accident occurred near Valentine's Iron Works on Friday afternoon. Mr. Nealon Fleck was driving a four mule team, on the back of one of which rode his little child. A blast suddenly exploded and a piece of rock struck one of the mules. In trying to rescue the child Mr. Fleck slipped and fell with the child in his arms. The front wheels passing over his limbs cutting them to the bone, and crushed the little one's foot. Drs. Dorworth and Farland attended to their injuries.

Personal.

Miss Celia Armor attended a fashionable wedding at Hollidaysburg last week. Mr. Jacob Walkey, a solid Democrat of Walker, gave us a friendly call on Monday. Mr. Jno. A. Dailey, one of Curtin township's solid men, gave us a friendly call last week. Mrs. J. A. Swavely is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fox, at Renovo. Mr. John Musser, Jr., of Pine Grove Mills, favored us with a very agreeable call on Tuesday. Miss Mirian Thomas, an accomplished young lady of Philadelphia, is the guest of Miss Jennie Reynolds. Miss Dolly Caldwell, one of Tyrone's fair daughters, is the guest of Mrs. R. M. McGee, Penn street. Miss Jennie Bigler, granddaughter of Ex-Gov. Bigler, of Clearfield, is visiting her friend Miss Mary Thomas of this place. Mr. W. I. Fleming, our enterprising merchant tailor, is now located in his new quarters, corner of Allegheny and High streets. Miss Bella Whiteinan, a charming young lady of Sunbury, is visiting at the residence of Mrs. Abram Valentine, on High street. Mr. Ellis L. Orvis, the junior editor of this paper, we are glad to say, is improving very rapidly, and has gained over fifteen pounds in weight since going to Clifton Springs. Mr. Frank Greist, the wide-awake manager at Geo. E. Lewis' store, placed in his window on the evening of the 6th inst., two tall candles, to represent the "electric" light of one hundred years ago. Mr. B. Frank Keller, formerly of this place, but now of Washington, D. C., who came home to attend the funeral of his father, the late Henry Keller, Esq., of Boalsburg, took his departure for Washington again on Saturday, A. M. Mr. T. P. Rynder, late Greenback labor candidate for Auditor General, and editor of the Altoona Advance, is now sojourning at Milesburg with a view of improving his health. The Advance, we believe, will not be published until he can again give it his personal attention. Mr. W. L. Malin, the gentlemanly telephone manager, has so far recovered from his recent injuries as to be around again looking after the interests of the company. Mr. Malin's indomitable pluck and go-aheadness will not permit him to remain indoors a minute longer than is absolutely necessary. G. A. R. LOAN EXHIBIT.—The subjoined schedule, which we submit to the examination of the citizens and comrades of Bellefonte and vicinity embraces, probably, all that would be interesting in a Loan Exhibit. Such articles as are comprehended in this general classification are needed for the Loan Exhibition to be opened in Gregg Post Room (from 21st to 23d, inclusive) for the 22d of February entertainment. Will people generally examine the list and see what it includes that they have stored away among their valued mementoes of the past. Gregg Post Encampment Committee will take every possible precaution against losses. The articles loaned should be handed in on Monday, February 18th, at the Post Room in Humes' block, and if before that date, Maj. H. H. Benner, Commander of the Post, will receipt for them at his office. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION: Antiquities—Furniture, Fabrics, Utensils, Costumes, Portraits, Instruments, Machines, Works of Art, Indian Curiosities. Relics—Of the Late War, War of 1812, Revolution, including Flags, Fire Arms, Side Arms, Fusiles, etc. Geological—Fossils, Minerals. Botanical—Flowers, Plants. Souvenirs and Heirlooms—Fancy Work, Letters, (private State or official) Gobblins Wares. All persons who will loan their property for the Exhibit will please report the fact to Dr. G. F. Harris, Chairman, and if they cannot bring it themselves it will be sent for in good time. COMMITTEE. R. C. IRVIN, Sec'y.

A select hop, in honor of some of the young ladies visiting in Bellefonte, will be held at the Brockerhoff House this (Thursday) evening. The liberal host, Mr. C. G. McMillen, participating both in the expense and enjoyment to be expected. The hotel no doubt will be a scene of brilliancy, with its electric lights reflex from beauty and splendor. This, we understand, is the initial hop of a series to be given by a few of the young gentlemen of Bellefonte, the rest to be postponed until after the Easter festivities are over, when they will probably take place at intervals long enough to not become monotonous. SEND US THE NEWS.—We would like to have more correspondence among our friends in the country. In fact we want correspondence from every post-office in the county. There is no better chance for a young man, or lady either, to learn to write well and become generally well informed than to correspond for a newspaper. It is not necessary that you have a good education, or that you be able to write a first-class letter. We only ask you to gather up the news of the neighborhood and send it to us, in any shape, and we will correct it, if necessary, and print it.

Who to surprise next—the poor. Don't forget to have your sales bills printed at the DEMOCRAT office. Pennsylvania pays over \$5,000,000 annually to the teachers of this State. The Milton iron workers still continue to "strike." Perhaps they are striking men. Jno. M. Hickey's Rip Van Winkle company, Opera House, Friday evening, 15th, inst. A tool handle factory is being erected in Mill Hall and will be ready for operation in a few weeks. The next annual meeting of the State Dental Association will be held at Wilkesbarre, Pa., in July next. When a young man marries he frequently makes a mis take.—News, He does every time, unless he marries a widow. Columbia, Pa., has one minister for every 600 persons, one physician for every 1,000 persons, and a liquor saloon for every 346 of its population. Huntingdon has a social club room and elegantly furnished. They recently purchased a handsome billiard table and placed it in their room. Curwensville is now much larger than it was. The amended borough now embraces the white settlement, Irwin's addition and the Jenkins addition. Our jolly, good natured dairyman, Amos Gerbrick, still continues to furnish his numerous customers with the very choicest of that delicious beverage, known as lactal fluid. We have a well developed cold which we'll sell cheap. Who'll buy?—News. And as the auctioneer says, if you are not satisfied with this one, we'll "put up another." You can take your choice—or both. Mr. W. B. Miles, the enterprising merchant of Milesburg, received into partnership with him on the 1st inst., his two sons, Oscar and Thomas. The firm is now W. B. Miles & Sons. We wish them success. The Republicans of Worth township are trying to get up a boom for Mr. J. G. Love as a candidate for Judge. Now, that's all right, but that position will be honored by a Democrat, we would have you know. A large assemblage of fun loving and merry making people gathered at the residence of Mr. James Clark in Benner township on last Wednesday evening by special invitation. The evening was spent in social games and music, and an enjoyable time was spent by all present. The Altoona and Lancaster are the only two clubs now in the Inter-State Association, and the Sporting Times thinks that title should be dropped. Why could not the Pennsylvania League be formed? There are a number of excellent clubs in the State which, in connection with the above two clubs, could be formed into a good league with a paying circuit. It is wrong for persons to engage in the practice of aggravating those who are not altogether comus mentus. We refer to those who are in the habit of provoking "Wallace," the Nittany mail carrier, as he passes through our streets en route to the post-office. "Wallace" is inoffensive, attends to his business faithfully, and harm or disturbs no one. And it reflects no credit on those who indulge in this practice. A burlesque on the electric light was gotten up by about twenty of our townsmen on Saturday night, and nearly all the prominent business houses of our town were visited by the delegation, headed by our handsome ex-Senator, Hon. C. T. Alexander. Each gentleman carried with him a bottle, from the mouth of which protruded a candle. At the Brockerhoff a neat and appropriate address was delivered, illustrating in glowing terms the advantage of the Post-able one candle power over the Edison. After which the good-natured landlord proceeded to turn out—not the delegation—but one after another of the "electrics," until only one remained. The office looked quite bright—until that remaining one light was put out. An instant gloom succeeded the dazzling brightness, and the way that delegation retreated through the back door—not daring to go out by the front door—was amusing indeed. HAINES TOWNSHIP ITEMS.—Where is "Pick Wick?" Everybody seems anxious to get the DEMOCRAT. Why should they not? We are inform J. C. Munkle is Jim's successor. Hope Warren's time may soon come, or he will get left. C. C. Orndorf, accompanied by his sister Sue, who were visiting friends at Penn Hall and vicinity last week, met with rather a misfortune which might have resulted in an accident. They had hitched their horse to a post at Mrs. Hettinger's place near Spring Mills, where they had stopped for a few minutes. When they made ready to start for home they found they were minus a rig. The post being broken off Charles at once came to the conclusion that the horse had started for home, and followed with another man in hot pursuit. The horse, however, came home with the sleigh about an hour and a half ahead of Charles; and, much to their astonishment, nothing harmed the least. Charles felt all right then, and speedily went back for the girl he left behind him. Miss Beckie Young was attending protracted meeting at Aronsburg last week. Geo. Erhard intends going west as soon as he is through teaching. L. B. Stover moves to Madisonburg in a few weeks. READER.

CURTIN TOWNSHIP, Feb. 9th, 1884. Mr. Editor.—We of to-day are living in an age of advancement and improvement, and in no one department are we making greater progress than that of education. I am led to believe in the above facts from being an interested spectator at a local institute held in Curtin township on February 1st and 2d, 1884. Prof. D. M. Wolf in the chair, aided by some fifty of the leading teachers of the county. Much credit is due Messrs. Wertz, McEntyre, Turner, and Miss Annie Haines, teachers of the district, for their untiring efforts in making it a success. The drills in the various branches were practical and to the point, showing that those who conducted them were energetic and progressive in their chosen calling. To enumerate all the instructors present would be a tedious task, and an infringement upon your time and space. I would be ungrateful, however, did I end this article without complimenting the Misses Cline, Bechdel, Clark and Waddell, together with Messrs. Shaffer, Runkle, McEntyre, Leathers and Prof. Poulsten, for their excellent rendition of select pieces of vocal and instrumental music furnished during the sessions of the institute. The address of Elder C. M. Olophanton "Moral Culture" was able and instructive, as were also the talks of Prof. Stephenson, of the Lock Haven High School, on "Composition," "Penmanship," and "School Government." Messrs. Zimmerman, Smith and Runkle gave talks on various interesting subjects, followed by Miss Annie Haines on "How to Teach Arithmetic," and "Our Common Schools." Hence the feast of knowledge spread upon the tablets of our memory by the intelligent educators of the young ideas are among the many bright pages of passing events. The Common Schools of to-day are as much in advance of the schools of our father, and those of the writers early school days, as the electric light is in advance of the tallow dip. J. A. D.

MADISONBURG CHIPS.—Brush valley can boast of the oldest old maid in the State, she having just reached the age of 104 years. Her father was a wealthy shoemaker, and during her life time she has had over thirty proposals to marriage, but in every instance declined to become a bride. Even at her advanced age the outlines of faded beauty can be traced on her wrinkled face. Dr. Reber visited Bellefonte last week. He stopped at the Cummings House. Dancing, pound parties, gum sucks, and all such innocent amusements, are quite numerous at present. On Friday night of last week a party was held at E. S. Shafers, and before going the girls compelled the boys to shave off their mustaches and beards, under penalty of "no kissing." The boys succumb. Mr. W. Auman, our school teacher, intends holding an exhibition at the close of his term. Preparations are already being made to prove it a success. The great revival meeting in the Evangelical church is still in progress. Quite a number have been converted so far, and there is still a number seeking. P. F. Vonada has a fine lot of White Elephant potatoes which he offers to the public very low for seed potatoes. MILES.

IN MEMORY OF A COMRADE.—The undersigned, appointed a committee by Gregg Post, No. 95, G. A. R., to prepare resolutions on the death of Comrade John O. McGinley, beg leave to present the following: WHEREAS, It hath pleased God, in His wise providence, to remove from us our comrade in arms and in peace; be it Resolved, That we mourn his death, but are consoled in the knowledge that, in that most trying hour, he was happy in having the Great Comforter at his side. Resolved, That the circle in which he moved socially has lost an ever-living and useful companion; the Union a loyal man and an ever ready defender of her principles, and Gregg Post one who could always be relied upon for duty in reaching out for fallen and unfortunate comrades, and in holding up the flag of our country. Resolved, That we extend to his home partner in life our warmest sympathies in her bereavement, and our earnest wishes for her welfare in the journey of life. Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be enclosed and delivered to his widow, and that the same be inserted in our county papers. JAMES H. RANKIN, THEODORE DESCHNER, S. H. WILLIAMS.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.—The undersigned, appointed a committee by Centre Lodge, No. 153, I. O. O. F., to prepare a tribute of respect to the memory of Brother John Barnes, deceased, respectfully submit the following: WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His all-wise providence, to visit the home of our late brother and remove by death, be it Resolved, That in his death his family has lost its honored head and support, and this Lodge one of its oldest and most respected members, who, for many years, wore the mystical jewels of our order with honor to himself and the welfare of others. Resolved, That the vicinity in which he resided for so many years has lost a good citizen and kind neighbor, whose example, in his daily walks of life, is worthy of imitation. Resolved, That we bow in submission to the rulings of our Creator, and join the family of our deceased brother in mourning his death, tendering them our most heartfelt sympathies in this their most sore bereavement, cherishing the hope that, as he lived a christian life, he is now reaping the reward of the just. Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and that they be published in the county papers. Respectfully, H. H. BENNER, H. B. POSTHUIS, THEO. DESCHNER, } Com.

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—No auction trash at Garman's. Messrs. Bunnell & Aikens have a very fine selection of solid gold watches, jewelry and a full line of silverware, which they offer cheaper than any other store in Bellefonte. Celluloid cuffs and collars, all sizes, at Lewin's. New line of embroideries to arrive next week, at Garman's. ADVERTISE.—The undersigned, the fastest and best salesman in Central Pennsylvania, having more than twenty years experience in selling Farms, Farm Stocks, Merchandise, etc., offers his services to the citizens of Centre and adjoining counties as a First-class Salesman. Charges reasonable. Address JOSEPH L. NEFF, Roland, Centre county, Pa. 4-3m. HOMES FOR SALE! Come and Buy. 2 1/2 ACRES ON FIFTH AVENUE, In whole or lots. A TWO STORY BRICK on Allegheny Street. A TWO-STORY BRICK On High street. A TWO-STORY BRICK On Thomas street. A TWO-STORY FRAME On Willow Bank street, \$1800 A TWO-STORY FRAME On Willow Bank street, \$1800 A TWO-STORY FRAME On Bishop street. All in the Borough of Bellefonte. Best Terms Made Easy. BOND VALENTINE, 6-5-3m. Real Estate Agent. STUDIO, 2nd floor Bush Arcade, (Room opp. Dr. Rothrock's Dental office.) I am now ready to do all kinds of PAINTING, Such as PORTRAITS in oil, LANDSCAPES, SIGN and ORNAMENTAL FANCY DECORATING and GRADING a SPECIALTY. Satisfaction guaranteed in all cases. I would be pleased to have you call, and examine specimens of work. Instructions given in Painting. VERY RESPECTFULLY, C. P. Hilder. HAVING OPENED A NEW COACH REPAIR SHOP, ON LOGAN STREET, We would respectfully invite the public to give us a call when in want of any work in our line. We are prepared to do ALL kinds of TRIMMING, REPAIRING and REMODELING. We also make a specialty of UPHOLSTERING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES. All work will receive prompt attention. Our TERMS are reasonable, and all work guaranteed. Respectfully, BIDWELL & McSULLY, Bellefonte, Pa. 4-3m. THE ANNUAL FARMERS' INSTITUTE WILL BE HELD AT THE State College, beginning JANUARY 29th and ending FEBRUARY 8th 1884. There will be at least Thirty Lectures by members of the College faculty and by several distinguished gentlemen from abroad. Circulars, giving full details, sent on application to Prof. W. H. Jordan, or to the President, State College, Centre county, Pa. n2-5t. EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Letters testamentary on the estate of Henry J. Denney, deceased, late of Walker township, Centre county, Pa., having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all having claims against the same to present them, duly authenticated by law, for settlement. J. M. GARBRICK, Executor. DISSOLUTION NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between J. T. Lucas and E. Shannon, under the firm name of Lucas & Shannon, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The books of the late firm are left in the hands of J. T. Lucas, who will settle and collect the accounts of the old firm. J. T. LUCAS, ED SHANNON. MORHAWN, Pa., Jan. 1st, 1884. The undersigned will continue the business at the place of business of the late firm. J. T. LUCAS. AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—The undersigned, an Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Centre county, to distribute the funds in the hands of the Administrator of the estate of Rebecca Bateman, deceased, as appears on his final account, to and among the parties entitled thereto will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office in the borough of Bellefonte, on Friday the 15th day of February, 1884, at 10 o'clock, A. M., when and where all parties interested are requested to present their claims before the undersigned, or to be forever barred thereafter from coming in upon said fund. H. H. HARSHBARGER, Auditor. ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of John Lutz, late of Jackson township, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same, without delay. JOHN B. NEFF, Administrator. ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration on the estate of Wm. J. Wilson, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same, without delay. JOHN B. NEFF, Administrator.

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