

# The Centre Democrat.

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## Local Department.

—Next Sunday is Easter.  
—The "flitting season is past.  
—It's all up with Sammy Lewin now.  
—New nail works are to be built at Lewisburg, Pa.

—Easter Eggs and Easter lillies are beginning to bloom.

—Every body should be present at Armory Hall on next Monday evening to attend the Military Ball.

Wilkinson has a beautiful line of Easter novelties on exhibition.

—Work on the different new railroads has begun in earnest now.

—The residence of Mr. Turner on east Logan street is nearing completion.

—THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT and the American Farmer all for \$1.85 cash in advance.

—Duprez & Benedict's famous minstrel show will exhibit in the Opera House on the 26th, inst.

—Mr. C. G. McMillen and General Secretary Wilmer Crow have united with Co. B, 5th Regt., N. G. P.

—Mr. L. B. Stover of Woodward has moved to Madisonburg where we are informed, he intends engaging in the mercantile business.

—Rev. J. F. DeLong preached an able sermon in German in the Reformed church on Sunday afternoon, taking for his text, St. John, 19: 30.

—Wm. B. Miles & Sons, the wide awake merchants of Milesburg, have just put on the road a beautiful covered delivery wagon.

—Mr. Nelson A. Lucas has embarked in the meat business and expects to run a delivery wagon, furnishing you with choice meat right at your door.

—Mrs. Whiteman departed for Philadelphia and New York on Saturday evening for the purpose of laying in a new stock of millinery goods.

—Mrs. Dr. Russ, who was a guest at the Brockerhoff mansion on Saturday and Sunday, departed for her home at St. Mary's on the 10 v. m. train Monday.

—Mr. Chas. Brown, of west Bishop street, has a Plymouth Rock hen that laid an egg last week measuring 7½ by 6½ inches in circumference and weighing 3½ ounces.

—In the squabble over the appointment of a post-master at Philipsburg, the Sialworts secured a victory, Mr. John Gow, having been the successful applicant.

—Mr. Daniel Robb, a well known citizen of Nittany, sold out his entire house hold goods and with his family started for Carrollton, Ill., on Tuesday last, where he intends engaging in farming.

—It is rumored that two of Nittany's young men made a solemn vow to hang themselves in July next, and they really mean to do it too. Of course it will be to two of Nittany's fair daughters.

—Maj. W. F. Reynolds has purchased the property belonging to John Ardell, Jr., corner Allegheny and Linn streets. The building thereon we understand is to be removed and a very handsome residence erected instead.

—Bellefonte is on the increase. Her latest acquisition being a street boot black in the person of a Greek lad whose name is something like this: Sinjnarf Nijkinjawkinjawbraker. N. B.—We wouldn't touch that one of it got away.

—Mr. William Steele bought of Mr. John Brackbill the small building formerly occupied by John Beeler as a meat market, and moved it to his lot near the Friends church on last Saturday. It is to be occupied by Crotzer Bros. of Lock Haven as a branch market of the Chicago Meat Co.

—Mr. J. A. Finkbiner, the photographer who rented Lyon & Co.'s gallery, has received a very fine stock of goods in his line. The gallery is being repainted and papered, and when finished will have a nobby a gallery as can be found in this part of the State.

—The indomitable and irrepressible Peter Minges, better known as the umbrella "timer," of Lewistown, enlivened our streets on Monday and Tuesday by his sonorous cry of "any umbrellas to mend?" Pete being a man of humorous propensities, is well known all over the country, and receives the patronage of all those in want of his respective services.

—On Monday forenoon, while Mr. C. P. Hilder was painting a sign on the west end of the store room of J. R. Alexander, he complained of feeling unwell. He descended the scaffold and invited a friend to accompany him to his studio. Upon reaching it, and while in the act of unlocking the door, fell to the floor unconscious and apparently lifeless. Fortunately Dr. Kirk happened to be near and succeeded in restoring him to consciousness in a few moments again.

## Personal.

Mr. George Bible, the electionist, spent Friday in Lock Haven.

Rev. William K. Foster preached his introductory sermon in the M. E. church on last Sunday morning.

Mr. Jas. McCartney and family departed for Lynchburg, Virginia, last Thursday at which place they expect to make their future home.

Mr. Reuben Shaffer and Edwin Peck of Nittany "took in" the County Seat on Friday last. They were both looking well and as usual very pleasant.

Mr. Geo. H. Harman has severed his connection with the Singer Manufacturing Co. and has accepted a position with the Steam Heating Co. of this place.

Mr. John A. Woodward, of Howard, visited the sanctum of the DEMOCRAT on Saturday evening. We regret our absence, and hope to have the pleasure of another visit soon.

Mr. Geo. Meyers, of Ferguson township, is the owner of an old Indian Buckskin purse over one hundred years old, which he intends to will to the local of this paper when he "shuffles off" this mortal coil."

We were favored with an agreeable call from Mr. Joseph Ross on Tuesday last. Mr. Ross is one of Spring township's officials, and his jolly good humor wins him many staunch friends.

R. M. McEnally, Esq., formerly of Clearfield, has located permanently in Bellefonte, and will open an office here in a short time. He is engaged in the insurance business, and represents the National Life Insurance Co. of Montpelier, Vermont, and the New England Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Boston.

Geo. T. Bisel, Esq., of Philadelphia, manufacturer of law books and law stationery, interviewed our legal fraternity on Friday last. Mr. Bisel is a young man of rare abilities, courteous and gentle, manly, and has built up a lucrative trade in this line, Bellefonte being one of his most successful stopping places.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the post-office at this place on last Friday night. The would-be burglars were evidently amateurs, as it was only a weak and bungling job. There is a small room in the rear of the post-office in which rubbish is kept, and the door leading from this room to the back yard was found partially pried open the next morning, and kept in that position by a small piece of wood about three-fourths of an inch in thickness. The bolt of the lock was broken but wedged itself in such a manner as to hold the door firmly to its place in the centre. It is supposed that at this juncture a noise of some kind frightened them off. As the passage leading to the place from the yard is only about six feet wide and perhaps twelve in length, and a high wall on either side, it would not afford a very good place of escape in case of a surprise. Had an entrance been effected into the first room it would have been much harder to have gotten into the post-office proper, as the door is lined with boiler iron and fastened by a heavy bar. The windows are also barred and closed with a heavy iron screen. The robbers, however, had they succeeded in gaining an entrance, would have had their "pains for their gains," as post-master Johnston leaves no articles of value in the office over night, all stamps and money being deposited in bank.

Mr. Robt. Valentine has one of the finest crops of tobacco that has ever been raised in Centre county. It is of the '83 growth and comprises about 9,500 pounds, 5,000 pounds being "Firsts." In the latter weight there is probably less than 100 leaves that measure less than twenty two inches in length. Mr. Valentine has secured the services of a gentleman of Lancaster county who thoroughly understands the culture of tobacco and how to cure and prepare it for market. It was raised from the Connecticut Broad Leaf seed, and experience has demonstrated the fact that it is the best and most profitable kind to raise in this section of the State. Its yield being greater and the tobacco of finer quality than any other.

A very distressing and painful accident befel Harry Gordon, the cash boy at the Bee Hive stores, on Monday morning. Having been sent on an errand towards Roopsgburg he found an opportunity to ride part way, and in jumping off the wagon he slipped and fell, the wagon passing over his limb breaking it just above the ankle. He was carried into the residence of Jacob Bapp and Dr. Hoy was immediately summoned to attend the sufferer. After his limb was dressed he was conveyed to his home on Lamb street in a carriage.

The work of the vandal mob which destroyed the Court House and public records in Cincinnati last week is a terrible calamity to the people, which even the bad administration of justice in that city and county affords no justification or excuse.

Indeed, Newt, we should like to gratify your curiosity as to "who told tales out of school," but we were threatened with a worse "clubbing" than the one you predicted if we did, and for that reason we respectfully decline.

The trial of Thompson vs. Christ, for trespass now in progress in court will probably take up this and part of next week before it is ended. Judge Rockafeller, of Northumberland county, is presiding.

—A little more snow yesterday.  
—Special court began on Monday.  
—Attend the Military Ball on Monday night.

—The laying of the 6-inch main on Water street is finished.

—Work will soon begin on the new Catholic church of this place.

—The first meeting of the new Council was held on Monday last.

Bellefonte will soon be a perfect net work of telephone and electric light wires.

—A spoonful of kerosene put into cold starch will prevent the starch from sticking to the iron.

—The Milton Economist is publishing an interesting serial history of "Milton 50 years ago".

—Probably the largest hog in the world was killed last week in Burlington, N. J. Its weight being 1,115 pounds.

—A very pretty and neat awning was put up in front of John Brackbill's Sons furniture store on Spring street, last Monday.

—Edward Brown is filling the offset in his pavement on Allegheny street even with the street. This will be a decided improvement.

—Mr. Jno. Bartruff's residence on Willow-bank street is fast nearing completion, and we suppose by the time we go to press he will have occupied it.

—Advertisements are out inviting sealed proposals for the grading, masonry and ballasting of the Bellefonte, Nittany & Lemont railroad from Bellefonte to Lemont.

—The blustering weather on Friday and Saturday rather left a person in doubt as to whether the almanac makers did not make a mistake in leaving March pass in her checks so soon.

—The Mite Society of the Presbyterian church will meet to-morrow—Friday evening, at the residence of Miss Edmund Blanchard on High street. A full attendance is earnestly desired.

—The Hollidaysburg Standard says this: "The man who is so small as to stop his newspaper because he gets mad at the editor, and then borrows his neighbor's paper to read, would pasture a billy goat on the green grave of his grandmother."

—We call your attention to Wilkinson's new advertisement on 4th page. Now just throw away your old cracked and crazed dishes and step around there. You can get a new set for a mere song. This is n't "bait" to merely draw you around, but every thing else sells just as low in proportion.

S. A. Stover's marble works are over run with orders, good work and satisfactory prices tell every time. Any one desiring a Tombstone or Monument will find it to their interest to call at Stover's Marble Yard, Highstreet Bellefonte, Pa.

—It is now an assured fact, says the Herald, that Jersey Shore is to have the repair shops of the Beech Creek railroad.

The shops will be erected in the early spring, and when in full operation will give employment to from 50 to 100 mechanics, besides other laborers.

—Last Sunday being Palm Sunday appropriate and interesting services were held in the Catholic church. The blessing of the palm and distribution of same on this day in the Catholic church throughout the world is in commemoration of our Saviour's last entry into Jerusalem.

—An individual about six sheets in the wind was roaming about our streets on Saturday night just spelling for a fight. He was accommodated, however, and after being pretty well pounded jumped to his feet and exclaimed, "Well, here, lick me again; pound me to death if it will do you any good. You are a pretty good man, any way."

—Our excellent and enterprising citizen, Mr. Samuel Lewin, of the Philadelphia Branch clothing store of this place, was married in Baltimore on Sunday last to Miss Obendorf, an accomplished and highly intelligent lady of that city. We take great pleasure in tendering our congratulations to Mr. Lewin for having chosen wisely, and to Mrs. Lewin for having acquired the control of the most desirable and worthy batchelor of our town.

—The Mattie Vickers Combination was greeted on Monday evening by a large and intelligent audience. The performance being of the highest and most pleasing nature, being free from all vulgarity and objectionable features. The audience was convulsed with laughter from the time Miss Vickers made her appearance upon the stage until the curtain dropped at the conclusion. There isn't the slightest doubt but that Miss Vickers is the "Sugar Plum" in the eyes of the Theatre going people of Bellefonte.

—The usually quiet town of Balsburg was thrown into a state of excitement on Monday morning over the announcement that the store of Jerry Dingis had been burglarized during the night. The burglars entered the store through a back window, blew open the safe and extracted therefrom between \$150 and \$200, leaving the small change untouched. Nothing else was taken from the store. No clue was found as to who the robbers were. A valuable horse and buggy belonging to Mr. Henry Fredericks was also stolen, doubtless by the same party.

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—Curtains and Poles—Garmans.

—Ready-made window shades—Garmans.

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—Lace curtains, in pieces or patterns, at Garman's.

WOODWARD ITEMS.—What has become of our string band?—Our town is fast improving in saw dust pavements.—The spook man moved on last Tuesday in Mr. T. Vonada's house. (Get up, George.)—Black is improving slowly with his sore leg.—Freddy, the counter hopper at Fiedler's store, is on a strike. He will leave us in a short time and sell groceries for a firm in Philadelphia. We are sorry to see you leave us, but wish you abundant success.—John Snyder is the happiest man in town, being blessed with another boy baby.—O. W. V. moved to his summer resort on Bear creek. Van, we think it is a early for such resorts.—James and Frank Gestweite have rented the blacksmith shop. They are enterprising young men. Hope they will do well with the undertaking.—We expect to have a milliner this spring in the St. Elmo hotel of our town.—People in general are getting ready for summer.—Farmers are plowing and sowing oats soon.

J. B. Cohick a lumberman lately operating near Philipsburg and who left that vicinity rather suddenly was arrested at Jersey Shore last week and brought to Bellefonte on Saturday. He now languishes in Fort Dunkle.

—A few cul'd gem's standing in front of the post-office on Sunday afternoon seemed to be considerably agitated, and judging from the following conversation a cul'd damsel must have been