

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

Local Department.

—Next.
—Unhealthy weather.
—Did you oil that Journal?
—The best binder—Finkbinder.
—Our merchants report business booming. Some body kick us.
—New potatoes are in market, but not within reach of an editor.
—Save your nickles, boys, the circus will be here next Tuesday.
—The fog on Monday morning was scarcely less dense than an old Londoner.
—Al. Garman has scarcely recovered from that feeling skin to rheumatism as yet.

—Mr. Wm. B. Steele is erecting a new dwelling house on the pike leading to Valentines works.

—Mr. Isaac Lose, Jr., has recovered from his recent attack of rheumatic fever and is able to be out occasionally.
—A slight unpleasantness in front of Jas. Harris & Co.'s store on Saturday a. m. caused considerable excitement.
—A very pleasant hop took place at the residence of John T. Johnston, Esq., on Lion street, last Thursday evening.

—The prospects for an abundant crop of grain on Buffalo Run has never been known to be more promising than at present.
—The young men of Fillmore sometime ago organized a full brass band, but have not as yet received their instruments.
—The Pennsylvania railroad company have just completed the new bridge crossing the Bald Eagle creek at Central City.

—Our friend Thomas Newell held the lucky ticket No. 64 that drew the handsome oil painting by Hilder, called "The Arrest."
—The Leans are dissatisfied with the result of their late game of base ball and wish to try conclusions with regular Fats soon again.
—Quite an interest is manifested in the Presbyterian choir at Fillmore. Although its organization is quite recent, it bears a commendable spirit.

—The personal and real estate of the late Robert Hunter at Fillmore, was disposed of a few weeks ago. Hon. B. F. Hunter purchasing the real estate.
—Any one having a garden to dig or requiring the services of a first class gardener, should apply to Wm. Bathurst of this place. We can recommend him as a first class and satisfactory workman.

—Our genial friend Nelson Lucas has begun the butchering business in dead earnest now, and his many friends will find him at the "curb," rain or shine, on every market day during the season.
—Mr. Chas. Cook presented a claim of \$125 to Council on Monday night for damages sustained in falling into a trench on Spring street on the evening of May 19th. Two of his ribs being dislocated and nose injured, so as to leave a permanent mark.

—Mr. James Donovan, of Lock Haven, arrived in Bellefonte at about one o'clock Friday on a bicycle. He was accompanied by Willie Mann of Mill Hall. They returned again in the afternoon, having traveled the distance in about three hours.
—The heavy frosts of Thursday and Friday nights did a great deal of damage in the ridges just back of Milesburg, killing nearly all the early vegetables, excepting onions; they are so mean that even "Old Jack" usually passes by without having anything to do with them at all.

—A very neat and attractive rustic flower vase or basket can be made by simply taking an old bucket, taking off the handle, or what is better still, an empty fish kit, and nailing all around the outside of it pieces of rough bark. If properly done, it is very pretty, besides costing very little.
—The Undine Hose Co. gave one of their old time balls at their home on Thursday evening, which to say the least was quite pleasant and enjoyable. The company have recently had the interior of the building repainted, papered and frescoed, and presents a very neat appearance.

—Would the Watchman please inform the DEMOCRAT "by order of" what committee they published the "Decoration Day" notice of "all honorably discharged soldiers," etc. We're afraid the Watchman will have its hands full, but that's the kind of level ought to be knocked out of that paper.

—Mr. C. G. McMillen purchased a beautiful jet black mare on last Thursday, and now sports the prettiest and most stylish "team" ever driven in this section of the State. George Washington Derry has them in charge, and he feels as if he was the high coxalorum in this neck o' woods. Bill Green will please take a back seat.

—The Logan boys are making the biggest kind of efforts to make the 4th of July celebration the most stupendous of any event ever dreamed of for a place like this. They report having had excellent encouragement in the way of subscriptions, etc. Fourteen visiting companies are expected, and we're bound to whoop'er up, Martha Jane.

—Scarce—eggs.
—Plenty—the weather.
—Rather showery weather.
—Straw hats are numerous.
—Rather tardy—snake stories.
—Spring chickens are in—demand.
—Fond mothers ought to get up a baby show.
—The Altoona base ball club has disbanded.
—This is the month to plant your pumpkin seeds.
—This is the Barber shop that—who built?
—The strawberry crop is reported good; strawberries too.
—The phiz, phiz, phiz of the soda fountain can now be heard.
—The fragrance of the locust blossom is wafted gently over the lea.
—A corporation is to be formed in Altoona called the Tamany Democratic club.
—The annual reunion of the Pennsylvania Reserve Association will be held in Philadelphia July 1st.

—A very neat new fence is being built around the residence of Prof. D. M. Lieb, corner Bishop and Spring streets.
—Currant worms are now on deck. Give them hell-bore.—Hollidaysburg Standard. Couldn't you send them there as well?
—Wingate is the name of the new post-office at Snow Shoe Intersection. Mr. G. W. Flack received the appointment of postmaster.
—We call the attention of our readers to the new advertisement of A. C. Mingle, on 5th page. Mr. Mingle keeps nothing but first class goods, at very low prices, and you can do no better than give him a call.
—A stenographic report of the proceedings of the last Democratic State Convention, in Allentown, April 9, has been published by the State Committee. It is a pamphlet of 20 pages, uniform in appearance with the similar publication for 1883. Single copies can be had on application (with inclosure of two cent stamps), to W. U. Henschel, Chairman, Lancaster, Pa.

—Mrs. H. M. Cridar, of York, Pa., after much experience and close study of the natural habits of the plant, has prepared a book of instructions, "How to Grow Fine Celery." These instructions are plain and thorough, and will interest those desiring the best methods of cultivating this excellent and healthy plant. She will send a copy of her instructions to those desiring information for 25 cents.
—An elegant \$35 gold headed cane, now on exhibition at Frank Blair's jewelry store, is being contested for by Messrs. D. M. Glenn and J. C. Harper. The contest is for the benefit of the Evangelical Association which worships in the church at Valentines Iron works. The church will no doubt realize quite a handsome sum, as the aboved named gentlemen are very popular, and have a host of friends.

—Ministers throughout and near the boundaries of the county would confer a special favor by sending in marriage and death notices as soon as possible after they occur. Do not wait until these notices become stale in order that you may send in several at a time, but send them in promptly if possible so they will reach us Tuesday evening previous to our next issue. Marriage and death notices and short obituaries are published without charge.

—The organization of township agricultural societies is being agitated by some of our energetic farmers. A meeting will shortly be called in several townships for the purpose of organization. This is an excellent step, and it is hoped that farmers will show their appreciation in taking a firm hold of the matter. There would be no end of benefits derived from an organization of this kind, and it could be made very interesting as well as profitable.
—Hello! What is the matter at Bart-ruff's Carriage Works? We never go past but we see either a buggy or wagon go away. He sold six buggies and three spring wagons last week, and four buggies and two spring wagons on Monday. We all know where to get honest work and at fair prices. He keeps none but first-class workmen. All his carriages that go out have locks. His foreman in the smith shop is from Lock Haven, Mr. Palmer, and what he can't do don't need to be done. Call and see the great works near the Water Works.

—A meeting of the board of directors of the Bellefonte Base Ball Association was held in the parlor of the Brokerhoff House on Tuesday evening, June 2d, for the purpose of electing a new treasurer and secretary, Mr. Newton S. Bailey, the regularly elected treasurer and secretary, declining to serve on account of too pressing outside matters. Mr. John G. Kurtz was elected treasurer and Wilmer A. Crow secretary by acclamation. Mr. W. R. Teller was also elected a member of the board, Mr. Geo. Johnston declining to act.
—The game between the fat and lean nine last Thursday afforded more amusement to the square inch than any game of ball ever played in this vicinity. Ye local rather suspected something of this kind and wisely found a "sub." All of the original nine's did not touch the scratch when "time" was called, consequently the nine had to be "filled" with substitutes, which strengthened the already ponderous nine of fat, and gave them a regular walk-over the leans to the tune of 21 to 28. C. G. McMillen was chosen captain of the heavy weights and W. I. Fleming of the well, all the leans together only weighed one ounce, but we suppose we had better say light weights. Col. D. S. Keller umpired the game in his usual impartial manner.

—The first match game of base ball between the State College nine and Association nine took place on Friday last. A large crowd wended their way to witness the game, which resulted in favor of the College nine, the score being 18 to 10. Robt. Mann, pitcher, and Mr. Chesney catcher, of the College nine, did good work, as did the entire club. The Association nine, however, did well from the fact that this was the first time they ever played together, and labored under several disadvantages, while the College nine have had constant practice. They are a first-class set of fellows, and we hope to have them play us again.
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Personal.

—Mr. Dewitt Hess and Fount Jackman spent Decoration day at Lock Haven.
—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Montgomery were tendered a serenade by the Zion Cornet band on Friday evening.
—Mr. Thomas Fredericks of Madisonburg gave us a short call on Tuesday. Mr. Fredericks is considered one of the best fence builders in Brush valley.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Kreamer of Millheim were in town over Sunday visiting at the home of Mrs. Kreamer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. N. Van Ormer. May their life be long, pleasant, happy and prosperous.

—Mr. Jas. McGeahy of Snow Shoe was arrested and taken to Clearfield on Thursday on the oath of W. O. Kline Esq. special agent for the Queen life insurance Co. on a charge of having set fire to his store building in the fall of 1883. Mrs. Emma J. Smead, and Miss Lillie Swarts, daughter of Mrs. Smead, were also arrested on a charge of being implicated. McGeahy was held in the sum of \$4,500 bail for his appearance. The affair caused considerable excitement.

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