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NOTICE.

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Local Department.

Cool—the nights. Whet up your grain-craddles. Splendid weather—for a cold. Who "fired" those bouquets? The potato crop will be large. Hot times may now be expected. New hay is selling at \$8 per ton. Rah for Cleveland and Hendricks. The days now are pulling in at both ends. Our base ballists say it won't happen again. Finkbinder is taking the lead in photography. The Court House yard is about the coolest place in Bellefonte. Prof. Febrer, of Selinsgrove, has been engaged to teach the Millheim band. The Republican "wire pulling concert" will take place in Bellefonte August 16th. "News Boy's" items of interest and regards are kindly received. Remember us again. The most artistic talent, combined with the best method of photography, at Finkbinder's. The most delicious roasts and steak can be had at John Beezer's meat market High street. The Presbyterian Sunday-school building it is said will be ready for services about Thanksgiving. We call the attention of our readers to the change of Lewin's advertisement on 5th page. A grave question in our next issue will be S. A. Stover's new advertisement of tombstones, monuments, etc. Look for it. Mr. Frank Wescott has, we are glad to say, been reinstated to his former position and standing in the Window Glass Workers' association. The Phillipsburg Journal did not seem to know that Bellefonte had a 4th of July celebration, or that the Phillipsburg base ball club was "scooped" in by the Bellefonte nine on the same day. The delegation from Bellefonte to the Chicago Convention returned on Saturday evening and report having had a lively time in that place. No doubt of it. Such a small place with so many people would naturally make it lively. "A word to the wise is sufficient," and every harvest hand should be paid so as to enable them to subscribe for the CENTRE DEMOCRAT during the campaign. We must therefore kindly ask you to help us pay our harvest hands, by sending in the amount of your subscription. An excellent and substantial new stone crossing has been laid across the north side of Water and High streets. A beautiful iron (?) fence has also been put up along the creek, and it is the intention of our borough "daddies" to lay a concrete pavement all along North Water street to Lamb. Of course that's right. Lamb it to 'em. The Defiance base ball club arrived here on Saturday morning from Lock Haven and put up at the Bush House. They remained here until Monday afternoon, and not having a date for Monday would like to have played another game on that day with our boys. We couldn't see it, however, as we desire a little more reliance and not quite so much Defiance. The Pennsylvania railroad company have placed an observation car on the Ebensburg & Cresson branch attached to the train leaving Cresson at 9 A. M., and reaching here at 9:40 A. M., and leaving Ebensburg at 10:40 A. M., and arriving at Cresson at 11:20. The beautiful scenery along the road, which is to be found in every direction, renders a trip in that car delightful during this season of the year, and gives the traveler a glimpse of one of nature's finest panoramas. Our townsman, ex-Senator C. T. Alexander, returned home from the convention at Chicago on Saturday evening. He had the pleasure of meeting in person the famous John Kelly of New York and speaks very highly of that gentleman. Mr. Alexander says he does not look at all like the cartoons and caricatures we usually see of Mr. Kelly in the illustrated papers. Hip, hip, hurrah! for John Kelly and Tammany Hall, they're all sold for Cleveland and Hendricks. The Bellefonte Boat Club appears to be a well we give it up. (We suppose the stockholders would like to also.) "The white elephant" theory has been exploded and passed in its checks to Bob Ingersoll's "no such place" and we are at a loss to know just what to say. We suppose the little interest taken in boating in Bellefonte is because of the great interest manifested in the National game of base ball.

Consult your best interest and go to Wilson, McFarlane & Co for anything in the hardware line. Fancy nets, and buggy spreads at lowest figures. About 30 or 40 of our young folks attended the leap year picnic at Snow Shoe Intersection on Friday last. The expenses were borne by the young ladies (papa) of course. Valentine Smith is forging right ahead in the grocery business, and not only keeps the best goods the market affords, but is bound to keep right up to the times and modern styles. Last week he added to the front of his already attractive store a set of beautiful French plate glass windows, all of which denotes prosperity. The Milesburg band extended an invitation to the Seltzer band of Lock Haven to attend their fair and festival on Friday and Saturday evenings. Hope they will conclude to accept, as the band is composed of a capital set of fellows, and their presence alone would add greatly to the pleasure of the occasion. It is scarcely necessary to add that their music is par excellence. The Bell Telephone Co issued an order to the exchange at this place requesting that an account of all "calls" be kept on the 14th, 15th, and 16th inst. 1278 calls were registered on the 14th, and 1,453 calls on the 15th. The number of calls up to the time of our going to press, 1 o'clock Wednesday were 960, making a grand total of 3561 calls. Gen. B. Frank Fisher, of the Philadelphia bar, will deliver a lecture on "Life in Libby Prison, and incidents of escape therefrom," at Aaronsburg, on the evening of August 23, for the benefit of the Ladies Mite Society connected with the Reformed church at that place. The General is a son of the Rev. P. S. Fisher, one of the fathers of the Penn's Valley church for many years. The General is visiting friends and relatives in that vicinity and has kindly consented to deliver the above lecture before leaving. The Weccaco Band of Philadelphia, that always accompanies the Grand Army boys from that city, and adds so much to the enjoyment of the Encampment at Gettysburg, will be at the Encampment in Bellefonte, August 16th to 23d. They have just received their new uniforms, costing \$1700, and will wear them for the first time at the Bellefonte Encampment. A little change has been made in the time of closing of the Encampment. It will close on Thursday evening, the 21st, and the Comrades leave on Friday, A. M., instead of Thursday, A. M. The reception parade will be on Saturday, August 16th. Notice of the hour will be given in due time. The following named distinguished friends and relatives are visiting at the residence of Mr. Samuel Lewin on Linn street: Mrs. Zellers, with her two children and nurse, Mrs. Shultz, and Mr. Oberndorf and son Joe, all of Baltimore, Md. Mrs. Zellers is a sister, and Mr. Oberndorf the father of Mrs. Lewin. Mrs. Shultz is an old and cherished friend of the family, who for many years watched tenderly over Mr. Oberndorf's children in the place of a kind and generous mother whose death occurred over twenty years ago. Mr. Oberndorf is engaged very extensively in the fruit packing business, and will remain here until the peach season arrives. Mrs. Zellers and family and Mrs. Shultz will spend the summer months in Bellefonte. The News in its truthful (?) account of the ratification at the Court House on Saturday evening says, "but after estimating its proportions we consider it a mouseification." Poor Bailey. He hasn't been well since getting off that pun, the strain was too great on his already overtaxed mental faculties. He worked hard all of Saturday night and all day Sunday trying to work out the problem. He knew there was some such a joke in existence, but because it was somewhat ancient he could not recall it. Through an accident, and just as he was about to conclude that it was a ratification after all, he heard a mouse nibbling at something and that settled it. He collapsed at once. His head has been kept in ice, and hot bricks applied to his feet ever since. By skillful nursing he may recover, but it is feared his mental faculties will never be as brilliant again. The Republican party ought to place him on the retired list. At the ball game on Saturday, Swavely, of the CENTRE DEMOCRAT, narrowly escaped being hit by a foul ball. He took the hint and crowded into a whip socket for safety. Daily News. We offer the following in explanation of the above. We were taking notes of the game in the vicinity of the "Grand Stand" when some miscreant rolled Mr. Bailey into a ball and threw him at us. Of course it was a pretty foul ball and it was not necessary for us to take "the hint." We took the smell and began to look about for more congenial quarters. PITTSBURGH FEMALE COLLEGE.—Our readers who have daughters to educate will do themselves a favor by sending to Rev. I. C. Pershing, D. D., Pittsburgh, Pa. for a catalogue of the Pittsburgh Female College and Conservator of Music. It has no rival in the West, and one only in the number of patrons and teachers in the United States. There are six distinct schools and thirty teachers. Charges moderate and advantages of the highest order. 28 2t

Personal. Mr. Will Hess, of Pine Grove Mills, has been spending several days with friends in this place. Mrs. J. J. Lingle, of this place, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Nathan Maurer, at Mackeyville, Clinton county. Mr. S. F. Ishler and D. M. Meyers of Boalsburg favored the DEMOCRAT with their presence on Tuesday last. Squire Carlin, of Rebersburg, was in town on business Tuesday. He of course remembered the DEMOCRAT before departing. Mr. Olie Meek returned home from Washington on Saturday night, and has again resumed his former duties at the office of the Watchman. Hon. Chester Munson, of Phillipsburg, was in town Friday. He favored the sanctum of the DEMOCRAT with his presence for a few moments before departing for home again. Our genial young friend, Prof. Meyer, who is a law student in the office of Alexander & Bower, radiated the sanctum sanctorum of the DEMOCRAT with his beaming countenance for a few moments on Saturday. Mrs. J. R. Van Ormer, who now resides in the "quaint old Quaker city of Brotherly Love," is visiting friends and relatives in this place. She will remain until September. Her husband, J. R. Van Ormer, is expected here next month. Mr. John P. Condo, one of Penn Hall's wide-awake citizens, called on the DEMOCRAT and gave us a few additional subscribers. We hope our friends in different parts of the county will do likewise. Each and every democrat should take his own county paper at least, and especially during the campaign. The Gentlemen's Dancing Class will give their next hop at the Bush House next Thursday evening. QUEERY.—Would Harry Jackson please rise and explain what has become of the beautiful cameo ring he usually wears? It has been missed from its accustomed place and we feel worried about it. EXCURSION TO WATKINS GLEN AND NIAGARA FALLS.—An excursion to Watkins Glen and Niagara Falls will be run via Pennsylvania railroad about August 19th. Persons who accompanied the excursion last season will be pleased to hear of another opportunity to make this delightful trip. Says the Altoona Tribune: The game of ball on Saturday between the one-arm men and one-leg men was won by the former, by a score of 21 to 16. The game was highly interesting and quite a large crowd was in attendance, over five hundred tickets being sold. The proceeds will be divided among the players. The Livery connected with the Butts House is now one of the most complete establishments of the kind in this section of the State. An extensive addition has been built to the already large stable and is lighted by the electric light, and a number of new horses and buggies and a handsome new three-seated carriage added lately. The horses are safe and free drivers. Any one in want of anything in this line will do well to call. Telephone connection. To the Democrats of Centre County: As my name has been announced as a candidate for the Legislature I take this method of informing my friends that it is utterly impossible for me to be a candidate for said office at this time, and hope the Democracy of Centre may nominate and elect such men as may not only be an honor to the county which they represent but to the body to which they may be a member, and that the county may be fairly and honestly represented in said body. I therefore thank my friends for their kindness and support and ask to withdraw my name from said contest as a candidate for the Legislature. Very Respectfully, etc., JAS. N. VAN ORMER. Walnut, poplar and linn lumber wanted by R. B. Spangler & Co. 28 4t. PRESENTATION.—Capt. Amos Mullen was presented with a handsome solid gold badge on Friday evening, July 11th, by Company "B" of this place, on which was inscribed, "Presented to Captain Amos Mullen, July 11th, 1884, by Company B, Fifth Regiment, N. G. P." On the same evening 2nd Lieutenant, J. D. Geisenger, was also presented with a beautiful sword and belt by the same Company. For some weeks past the ladies belonging to the Union Church at boiling Springs circulated a subscription paper for the purpose of obtaining funds to purchase a new carpet for the church. They were quite successful in their effort and on last Thursday afternoon a number of the members assembled at the church to complete the mission by assisting in laying the handsome carpet purchased from the proceeds raised for this purpose. Mrs. Mann of the Springs, built the church entirely of her own funds and presented it to the people in that community. Mrs. Mann was among the ladies who assisted, and after the carpet was laid she invited all to her residence for tea. The kind acts of this benevolent old lady are many and it is to be hoped her life may be spared for many years, to come to enjoy the love and respects of a grateful community.

THE BALL OPENED. An Enthusiastic Meeting at the Court House on Saturday Evening. The Nomination of the Standard Bearer of 1884 Ratified. TWO LARGE BON FIRES AT NIGHT. The nomination of Hon. Grover Cleveland, of New York, for President, and Hon. Thos. A. Hendricks, of Indiana, for Vice President, of the United States, swept the land with a tide of enthusiasm from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Shouting thousands thronged the streets everywhere and by every sign which a free people and a grand old party can use to display its approval was manifested by the general good feeling and high spirit everybody seemed to be in. At about 8:30 o'clock anxious people began to flock towards the Court House and in a short time it was filled to overflowing. The Mt. Eagle and Zion Cornet Bands were present and discoursed very sweet music. At the rear of the Judge's stand was a large canvas on which was inscribed in large letters: "GROVER CLEVELAND, THE REFORMER, AND THOS. A. HENDRICKS, THE CHOICE OF '76." On the left of it was a beautiful banner bearing the words "Hancock Legion," and another very handsome banner on the right. The meeting was called to order by District Attorney W. C. Heinle, and Hammond Sechler, Esq., was elected President amid great cheers. E. Brown, Jr., Dr. J. L. Seibert, S. A. McQuinn, H. C. Curtin, Dr. W. C. Grove, Daniel Leach, G. P. Gentzell, Hezekiah Hoy, and P. J. McDonald were chosen Vice Presidents. Joe W. Furey, of the Watchman, and Ellis L. Orvis were elected Secretaries, after which the first speaker of the evening, D. F. Fortney, Esq., made a few forcible remarks, and was applauded frequently. Dave is proverbial for his witty sayings, and was listened to with marked attention. Mr. Fortney was followed by Hon. John H. Orvis, who gave a plain and interesting talk in his usual clear and pointed style, and was interrupted with applause a number of times. The Judge was followed by J. L. Spangler, Esq., in an animated and enthusiastic speech. When Jack "rises to explain" the audience is always sure to hear something good. His remarks were received with cheers, and was interrupted in several instances with loud and continued applause. After Mr. Spangler had finished the cry "Alexander," was heard in every direction, and the ex-Senator responded with a few very appropriate and fitting remarks. At the mention of the name of Pennsylvania's choice, Hon. Samuel J. Randall, the cheering and applause that followed was deafening, and continued for several minutes. At the conclusion of Mr. Alexander's remarks the meeting adjourned. It was one of the most enthusiastic and imposing political demonstrations ever held in Bellefonte. The bands serenaded several prominent citizens after the adjournment of the meeting. At about midnight, as almost everybody was slumbering peacefully, the cry "fire!" was faintly wafted to the ear, and in another moment the bright and lurid flames of a huge bonfire in the rear of the Court House lit up almost every nook and crook in town. As the dying embers of the latter were gradually passing away, the heavens were again suddenly lit up by the flames of another, fully as large, on the corner of Bishop and Allegheny streets. Thus ended the opening of the campaign of 1884. DIAMOND DUST.—The match game of base ball between the Defiance club of Philadelphia and the Bellefonte nine on Saturday last was rather disastrous to our home team, and lead many to suppose it to be a death blow to base ball in Bellefonte for the balance of at least this season. Not so, however, as it will "bob up" more serenely now than ever, and have just the opposite and most desired effect—that of strengthening the nine by substituting some of the players. The indifference and inactivity shown in last week's game by player's filling the strongest positions will never do, and not only disheartens the balance of the players but disgusts those who under other circumstances would become interested, and give their support to the club. Our nine has virtually been without a head for some time, and what is most important now is to find some one who will take hold of the helm and steer it safely over the breakers. Some of our players "done nobly," and with a nine composed of all such players we would be able to cope with any of our neighboring clubs. What we now want is for the players to evince a little more life and activity in the game and far better results will be sure to follow. Because a club is far superior through constant practice, and a defeat considered a foregone conclusion, is no reason why all interest in the game should be lost and the opponents allowed to run up a large score, as was the case in Saturday's game. The Defiance club played our nine for all they know how, and had our nine done the same in return we feel confident Bellefonte would have had reasons to feel justly proud of our club, even though they were defeated. Now styles in Linn Collars—German's.

EDITORS CENTRE DEMOCRAT:—In your last issue a communication appeared, dated at Millheim, and signed "A Democrat," upon the subject of our approaching legislative nominations, with the philosophy of which we cannot agree. The writer ostensibly advocates the re-nomination of Messrs. Hunter and Myers, while the real purpose of the letter is to suggest certain ex-members for the nomination. Your correspondent asks: "What has Mr. Hunter or Mr. Meyer done that they should be cut short with one term?" We answer, nothing. No one proposes to punish them for any sins of commission or omission. They have already had more than two ordinary terms. Their regular session lasted 156 days, for which they received \$1500, besides mileage and allowance for stationary and postage. The extra session which followed lasted as long, and for which they drew from the State Treasury an equally large compensation. This, too, with only the trouble and expense of one election. They have already had as many days of legislative experience, and as much pay, as any representative sent from this county for the last thirty years, unless it might possibly be Mr. Meek, who was elected four times to annual sessions. We think, therefore, they ought to be satisfied, and give place to other equally deserving Democrats, who have yet received nothing at the hands of the party. "A Democrat" says it has long been a recognized custom of the party to give members of the Legislature at least two terms. Was this done with J. G. Meyer, S. T. Shugert or Jas. F. Weaver? Since the adoption of the new constitution, extending the legislative term to two years, but one representative on your side of the mountain has been re-elected, Hon. J. P. Gephart. Where, then, is the custom, of which your correspondent speaks? To nominate Mr. Hunter would be to follow an exception and not the rule. Is there anything in the case of Mr. Hunter, or the condition of the party, to make such an exception necessary? The reasons urged in support of this alleged custom of sending representatives back are, that new members are unacquainted with their fellows, ignorant of parliamentary rules and routine work, and unable to get on important committees. These reasons are plausible but specious. There is no substance in any of them. Any man competent to represent Centre county in the State Legislature can become acquainted with the members, learn all the parliamentary rules and usages, which it would be good for him to know, by the time the Legislature got down to the real work of the session. A member qualified to take part in the work of important committees will be placed on them at his first term. The history of our representatives for the last twenty-five years prove this. When ever we have sent a man of known ability he has at once been assigned places on the most important committees of the House. The argument that experience is all important in public officers is one always used by office-holders as a reason why they should be continued. If good in favor of a second term, it would be still better in favor of a third, fourth, fifth and all subsequent terms—thus continuing the same man in office for life, if he committed no crime! To confute this idea we will state a fact, and challenge your correspondent or any one else to contradict it: Within the memory of the oldest living Democrat no man has been sent to the Legislature from this county who made a better representative for the people the second or any subsequent term than he did the first. On the other hand, some who made good representatives at first, as soon as they acquired experience, and learned the crooked and devious ways of Harrisburg, forgot the interest of their constituents, and pursued their own private gain or personal pleasure. Coming fresh from the ranks of the people, understanding their interests, and being thoroughly imbued with their wishes and desires, are much more important qualifications for a representative than any amount of experience at Harrisburg. The longer a man lives in the atmosphere of that city the less fitted is he to represent the honest yeomanry of Centre county. Messrs. Editors, we do not know your correspondent, who signs himself "A Democrat," but we do not believe he lives in Millheim, or voices the sentiments of the people of Penn's Valley. We judge from his expressed ideas that he is a professional politician, living in Bellefonte, probably holding an office, to which he wishes to be elected for a second or third term. The true policy of our party, and of our government, is, to change public officers frequently, and by that means keep them honest and faithful. The people want no class of hereditary office-holders in a free government. MANY DEMOCRATS. Buy your Grand Army suits at Lewins Philadelphia Branch, Bellefonte, Pa. Handsome baby carriages sold by R. B. Spangler & Co. The finest assortment of Grand Army suits at Lewins Philadelphia Branch. Finest Dry Goods—Garman's. Ridgway Refrigerators, sold only by R. B. Spangler & Co. Encampment suits at Lewins Philadelphia Branch. LASTS FOREVER.—Go to S. A. Stover's High street marble yard for grave stones, monuments, etc. The cheapest and best place in central Pennsylvania. MILLHEIM NEWS.—Harvest Home has ket picnic, Deitwilers grove, near Millheim, July 25. See bills. Millheim Journal said the bands gave good music on the 4th and had fine celebration in Millheim, but did not say who paid for it. And about the number of houses being decorated, there was no house decorated but the First National Hotel, and all the celebration that was in Millheim S. T. Frain paid for. He paid the Brush valley band and also paid the Millheim band. Never got a cent from a citizen. The Dutch are about to take Millheim. The retired merchants of Millheim are now selling old clothes. There will be camp meeting near Millheim in August. The U. B. church is going to be treated to a coat of paint and a general overhauling. The National Hotel is taking the lead. If you want a square meal the National is the place to get it. There is a report that the colored population is about on the increase. "Who been dare since I've been gone?" Millheim band will have a teacher for two weeks. Prof. Joe. Febrer says he can bring them out. The members of the M. E. church were waked up by their pastor on Sunday evening. They were treated to a good sermon The right man in the right place. New corn, cantelopes and watermelons at National Hotel. Millheim can boast of having the best hotel in the county. Mr. Longhorn, of New York, is here on a pleasure trip. He is stopping at the National Hotel. Strangers are all getting to find out which is the best hotel. PENNS VALLEY NEWS.—Mr. Archibald Rankin, of Philadelphia is visiting at the house of Wm. Kerr, near Centre Hill. Mr. Rankin who is a cousin of your townsman J. H. Rankin, was born near the stone mill in what is called the Loop. He studied medicine and practiced for many years, at Carlisle, he is now sojourning at the home for the aged in Philadelphia and has come back to visit the scenes and companions of his boyhood. Rev. Oliver Kerr, son of Wm. Kerr is spending his vacation at his father's home. He is stationed at Bordenstown N. J. next Sabbath he expects to preach for Rev. Foster at Centre Hill. Rev. Mathew C. Woods, of Boalsburg son of the late Mathew Woods of Clearfield and a recent graduate of Princeton Seminary preached for Rev. Foster last Sabbath. He has accepted a call to preach at Merchants town N. J. his sermon was an able production and was delivered with considerable oratorical power. I predict for the young divine a bright future, as a minister. Mrs. Wilson, wife of Rev. James Wilson D. D. of New York city is visiting at Spring Mills. Presbyterian preaching on next Sabbath at Spring Mills will be in the evening instead of the afternoon. The railroad track is laid two miles west of Centre Hall. A siding 2000 feet long will be laid near this point. this will delay the advance of the road for several days. A young man in Penn's Vally, having quarrelled with his father-in-law, an old man slapped, downed and choked the defenseless old gentleman. Shame, young man always respect gray hair. Another man in the same valley became jealous of his wife, a lady respected by all who know her as a christian woman. Arming himself in the night he threatened to shoot the defenseless woman, but some of his neighbors hearing the disturbance interfered and cooled the gentleman off. If the gentleman (pardon me for the misnomer, as no person who will strike or abuse a lady is a gentleman), repeats the offense, we will give his name to the public. John Gado of Penn Hall having purchased a house in Lock Haven contemplates moving there next spring. Self-binding harvesters are becoming very numerous in our valley, most of these machines are very cumbersome weighing nearly a ton, but a nobby little binder weighing 1200 cwt put in its appearance this season, and unless the manufacturers reduce the weight of their machines to about half a ton this little machine will soon supplant every one of them, as besides being much lighter, it also does its work well. Hiram Durest bought a hay-loading machine which dispenses with the services of two pitchers, as it pitches the hay on the wagons rapidly as two men can build it. What next? With all these labor saving machines, farmers will soon be able to dispense with all hired help. News Boy. White Goods—Garman's. The Band of Hope held a picnic at the fair grounds Tuesday. The attendance was quite large. A New Thing.—Cork shavings make the best filling for beds. Samuel J. Tilden will sleep of nothing else. Sold by R. B. Spanner & Co. DEATHS. At his residence on Bishop street, on Friday July 11, 1884, of liver and kidney disease, J. S. Miles, aged about 67 years. The funeral took place in the union cemetery on Friday evening.