

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

Local Department.

The ground-hog has been very well satisfied with his prediction. -Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, talked to New York through telephone, last week. -Dr. Leopold Damrasch, the distinguished musician, died on Friday, the 13 inst. -A new desk adorns the Commissioners' office; and Mr. G. W. Rumberger just keeps things in first-class order. -The protracted meeting in the U. B. church at Houseville is still largely attended having been in progress about six weeks. -The Pennsylvania Railroad Co., offers a big reduction in their rates to the inauguration. Read their notice in another column. -On last Thursday four murderers expiated their crimes on the gallows, Dr. Beach at Hollidaysburg, Treuke at Philadelphia, Parker and Johnston at Little Rock. -The weather being very cold last week, people did not come to town en masse; but Saturday being mild, the streets were well filled with citizens from every part of the county. -A little daughter of Mr. Frederick Meyer who resides at the cross-roads near Mr. Marshall's about six miles from town, died of scarlet fever on Wednesday the 11th inst. She was about 5 years old. -On Thursday evening, Feb. the 12th, a fire broke in the insane department of the county almshouse, in West Philadelphia. The flames spread so rapidly that before the 300 inmates could be gotten out, 19 were burned to death. -The snow brigade congratulated themselves on being through shoveling snow for this season, but on Monday morning about eight inches, with more to follow, awaited the shovels. About noon fifteen inches lay beautifully on the streets. -Last Saturday an east bound freight train was thrown from the track by a broken flange midway between Spruce Creek and Birmingham. Sixteen cars were demolished, twelve of them filled with stock. Two hundred sheep, eighty hogs and several horses were killed. -Edward Kelley a son of Mr. James Kelley of the Boiling springs, fell from a fence on last Friday and was instantly killed. He was subject to fits, and it is supposed was seized with one at the time of the accident. His remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery, on Sunday afternoon. -There is entirely too much coasting for the assured safety of the pedestrian and passing vehicles. Several severe accidents have already occurred, which should be warning enough. Boys will coast, but they ought not to be allowed to coast where they endanger other peoples lives as well as their own. -On next Monday, the 23rd inst., the skating rink will be under the management of the Crescent Skating Club. The proceeds upon this occasion are to go the purchasing of an alarm for the fire department. A street parade of the fire companies and Crescent Club, headed by the Zion band, will take place during the day. -Business is gradually brightening up all over the country. The Union Iron Mills of Carnegie Bros. & Co. of Pittsburgh employing 400 men will resume operations in all departments this week. Kings new flint Glass factory of the same place was started on Monday. The Braddock steel work employing over 3000 hands was interred in full blast last week. -Capt Austin Curtin was elected Department Commander of the G. A. R. at Harrisburg, on Wednesday of last week, by the largest vote ever received east for that office, having received 524 votes out of a total of 685. On motion his election was made unanimous. Mr. Curtin's opponent was A. J. Sellers a popular member of Post No. 1, Philadelphia, who received 161 votes. No better selection could have been made than that of Mr. Curtin. -The Troy Steam Laundry is now in operation, and those who desire to see fine work, or to have the same done, need only call. Visitors are welcome at any time, and polite attention shown you by the proprietors. Their machinery embraces the very latest improved. The clothes are put into a large cylinder which revolves and reverses making four revolutions each way; and thus they avoid the wear and tear, which in most laundries they receive from the rubbing process. -"Newty" gets hysterical if he fails to record the arrival of various small specimens of humanity within ten days after their advent, indeed he gets ridiculously "provoked" at times, and then again he gets confused as to the gender and does not know whether to say, he, she, it or them. It is very embarrassing for a bashful young man like "Newty" and provoking when he misses one of the "little dears." It is better late than never, but it is utterly awful to "contemplate" ain't it boys?

Death of Ambrose McMullen.

Our readers will be pained to hear of the death of Mr. Ambrose McMullen, of Hecla Furnace, Walker township, whose death occurred on Friday night, of last week. Mr. McMullen fell a victim to that dread disease, consumption, in the prime of a useful, and what two years ago, promised to be a long life. In the wide circle of his acquaintances he left not a single enemy, always courteous, kind and obliging, with a pleasant word for everybody, Ambrose leaves vacant a place in his township, which cannot easily be filled. He was always foremost in the affairs of his township, and had the public weal at heart in all his actions as a citizen. In politics, Mr. McMullen was a democrat, and carried into that business, the same sterling integrity and fair dealing that characterized his own private business relations. He was a political leader in his township and county, not because of any ability to "work wires," or "pull strings," but because he was an honest, fearless man, conscientiously opposed to the tricks and subtleties of the petty politician. Mr. McMullen never held office unless imposed on him by the people of his township; but his name had frequently been mentioned by his party friends in the county for the Legislature, and had he lived, would undoubtedly have represented his county at Harrisburg. He was a member of the Catholic church, and an exemplary christian. It was his request that he be buried in the family burying ground, in Sinking Valley, where his remains were taken on Monday. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family in their hour of trouble and affliction.

Personal.

Col. Keller was in Washington, D. C. on business, last week. Walter Bayard is around shaking hands with the Bellefonters. Rev. W. O. Wright of Milesburg visited friends in town on Friday last. Mr. Teller and wife, proprietor of the Bush House are now visiting the New Orleans Exposition. Mr. D. M. Neidigh, of State College paid his respects to the CENTRE DEMOCRAT office on Saturday. Mr. A. A. Frank was confined to the house several days last week by a painful and large boil under his left arm. Glad to report that he is able to be at his post at Kaufman's store. -Millheim Journal.

FEBRUARY ELECTION.

The regular February election was held on Tuesday last and shows a partial victory for the Democrats on the Borough ticket, Mr. John Powers having been elected Burgess by 55 majority, and J. M. Keichline Poor Overseer by 190. In the North ward L. T. Munson was elected Constable by a majority of 4, and as usual the whole Democratic ticket was elected in the South ward. Following is the vote of the Borough, and also the names of the officers elected in the townships as received by us up to the hour of going to press: North Ward - Burgess, Powers, 125; Reeder, 151. Ass't Burgess, Meyer, 161; Gordon, 168. Treasurer, Gray, 240. Constable, Montgomery, 141; Loss, 126. Assessor, H H Benner, 177. High Constable, Green, 233. Poor Overseer, Keichline, 158; Laird, 114. Auditor, Kephart, 91; Cook, 182. Council, Munson, 140; Weaver, 136. School Director, Jenkins, 89; Harris, 185. Judge of Election, Noll, 57; Lind, 188. Inspector, McCasferly, 87; Johnson, 189. Registration Assessor, Shaffer, 106; T R Benner, 167. South Ward - Chief Burgess, Powers, 175; Reeder, 95. Assistant Burgess, Meyer, 160; Gordon, 112. Assessor, Cowdrick, 155; Benner, 116. Treasurer, Gray, 186. Poor Overseer, Keichline, 211; Laird, 57. Auditor, Gephart, 154; Cook, 114. Constable, Montgomery, 119; Loss, 142. High Constable, Green, 213. Judge of Election, Dolan, 163; Strickland, 104. Inspector, Brown, 160; Dale, 116. School Director, Moore, 153; Dorworth, 117. Councilman, Brockerhoff, 169; Aikens, 160. Registration Assessor, E Brown, Jr., 138; Smith, 130. West Ward - Chief Burgess, Reeder, 95; Powers, 72. Assistant Burgess, Gordon, 91; Meyer, 47. Treasurer, Gray, 116. Constable, Montgomery, 72; Loss, 62. Assessor, Benner, 97; Cowdrick, 47. High Constable, Green, 128. Overseer of Poor, Laird, 67; Keichline, 68. Auditor, Cook, 95; Gephart, 38. Judge of Election, Darr, 41; Herkheimer, 93. Inspector, Harper, 41; Haupt, 92. School Director, Teller, 47; Long, 86. Councilmen, 3 yrs. - Lukenbach, 48; 2 yrs. - Gross, 42; Hillbliss, 94. Registration Assessor, Barnes, 39; Cox, 57. College - Judge of Election, P. Shultz; Inspectors, J. B. Irvin, Chas. H. Foster; School Directors, Dr. Chris., - Long; Justice of Peace, Wm. L. Sellers; Supervisors, Fred Decker, Jno Shewery; Poor Overseer, J. H. Mitchell, Jr., 247; Constable, James Ray; Assessor, Geo. Kline; Auditor, W. C. Patterson, James Wasson; Township Clerk, Thos Dale. Unionville Borough - Judge of Election, J. H. Smith, Inspector J. L. Bornham; School Directors, E. A. Russel, W. C. Van Vallen; Justice of Peace, E. P. Barton; Poor Overseer, G. W. Lucas; Constable, E. M. Lutz; Assessor, W. W. Gephart; Auditor, J. L. Rich; Chief Burgess, J. M. Blair; Assistant Burgess, G. W. Morrison; Councilmen, Henry Callhoun, J. Emerick; High Constable, E. M. Lucas. Howard Twp. - Judges of Election, J. & H. Turner, Henry Smith, Inspector, D. B. Shank, Assessor, J. L. Pletcher. School Directors, J. B. Neff, Eddy Pletcher, Jr. Auditor, Thos. Pletcher, Supervisors, Jacob Pletcher, Joseph Castleberry, Overseer, Poor, N. F. Pletcher. Justice of the Peace, A. W. Adams. Constable, Thos. B. Sanders. Twp Clerk, C. R. Hickin. Howard Bor. - Judge Elec, J. H. Schenk; Inspectors, Frank Gallagher, Irvin H. Reeder, Assessor, James Long; Auditors, D. S. Smith, W. N. Neff; School Director, C. C. Weirick; Township Clerk, Blair Hopkins; Chief Burgess, B. F. Holter; Town Council, J. L. Holter, C. Pletcher; Constable, R. Cook; High Constable, Jacob Grader. Benner Township. - For Judge of Election Dr. H. K. Hoy was elected without opposition. Inspector, J. S. Carson was elected; Assessor, Mr. Close; Supervisor, Wm Grove, F. Houser; Treasurer, M. Lutz; School Director, R. M. Henderson; Constable, Wm. Whitmer; Auditor, Jno P. Seltzer; Clerk, E. Thompson; Justice of the Peace, G. W. Miller. Spring Township. - For Justice of the Peace, Jno Garbrick was elected; Judge of Election, A. Miller; Inspector, H. T. Witmir; Assessor, M. S. Riddler; Supervisor, Jno Dubs, and A. Y. Swartz; School Directors, J. B. Hazel, Wm Poormann; Overseer of the Poor, D. Rhinestmith; Constable, Jno Rigger; Auditor, Jno M. Furey, Clerk, Y. B. Olliger. Snow Shoe - Judge of Election T. Lucas; School Directors, R. Haynes, S. Y. Lucas, J. Brown; Insp' A. G. Cranda II, S. Boyer; Constable, H. Crisman; Overseer of the Poor, J. Harnes, John Coner; Supervisors, Jno Gunasius J. Lingle, and Wm Stewart, jr.; Clerk, Wm. Brown. -That some measures should be taken regarding the adoption, use and change of school books in our townships, boroughs and in fact throughout the county, is evident, from the frequent debates upon this subject. There is a screw loose somewhere, but generally tightens pretty tight upon the poor man who is constantly forced to purchase new school books, which are soon to be cast aside to make room for a new series. The grounds assumed by the agents, are that the old series were never good, and that the new surpasses them in every respect. When the new have been introduced and used but a short time it is equally strange that this new series has become so inferior that another series is necessary; and here again comes a new series that equally surpasses (?) the old, which but a year ago was the new. This fills the coffer of the book firms at the expense of the poor man. The change is more frequently made in readers. There are few readers that are used to-day, that are superior to those used ten, fifteen or even twenty years ago. It is an outrage to say the least for while the poor man's children are tendered the advantage of a common school education the parents are taxed to the full extent by the frequent change in books. That a change is necessary at times we admit, but so often as has been the case during the past few years is unnecessary. Good readers are not made by the reading of new matter, but in thoroughly understanding what they read.

PINE GROVE.

The venerable David DeArnot died at his home in Erb-town on Saturday evening the 7th inst, about 10 o'clock, after a short illness, in the 83d year of his age. During his illness and for the last eight years he was waited on and cared for by his only daughter, with whom he lived. He was the father of four children, one son and one daughter having died while small. James and Maria live near Philipsburg, this Co. The deceased was a good, quiet, peaceable citizen, and has been a familiar figure in our community for over 50 years. When able he was a constant attendant at the M. E. church of which he was a member. Funeral services were held in St. Mark's M. E. church on Monday at 2 o'clock p. m., Rev. Elliot officiating, who paid the last tribute to the aged father, after which the remains were interred in their last resting place by the side of his wife who died about three years ago. A representation of Capt. Campbell Post 272, G. A. R., attended the G. A. Encampment at Harrisburg last week with a view of having Andrew Seigel, youngest son of Frederick Seigel, deceased admitted to the Soldiers' Orphan School at McCallisterville, Pa. Our pleasant and obliging Miller was smiling modestly one cold morning two weeks ago, and did not wait to be asked - said it was a bouncing boy. Mr. M. is one of the most obliging and best Millers in Central Pennsylvania, always making good yield and excellent quality from good grain. Sleighing is good and everybody is making use of it; but we would give the boys a bit of friendly advice, not to take advantage of the absence of the owners, by un hitching horses from hitching posts, and driving out without privilege of the owners.

SARRONBERG.

On Saturday evening February the 28th the Ladies Mite Society of this place will give a musical and literary entertainment in the Reformed church. The proceeds to be devoted to the furnishing of their new church. They have engaged Prof. G. P. Bible the well-known electionists who will render some of his choice selections. The Miss Bradley's of Bellefonte whose musical abilities are fully recognized will also be present and favor the audience with duets, instrumental and vocal solos, xylophone solos. Music by the choir which need only to be heard to be appreciated; all in all the affair promises to be a very enjoyable one, and as it is for a worthy purpose we want all to attend that can.

WALKER.

The musical convention held in the Reformed church at this place two weeks ago, was a grand success financially and in every other respect. They realized \$93. The class was composed of musical talent here and from other parts of the county. Prof. John A. Weaver besides being a first class musician, has all the necessary qualifications of a good conductor. CITIZEN.

SPRING MILLS.

The prevalence of scarlet rash in and around Spring Mills has greatly diminished the attendance of the primary school, and has also effected the attendance of the other schools.

The beautiful walnut trees that surrounded the Methodist church have been cut down, and now the church looks like a building in a new clearing. Last Sabbath there was preaching in the Presbyterian church at two o'clock. Rev. Sarvis of the M. E. church, told his audience that there are women in Pennsylvania who are instilling into the minds of children infidel teachings. Wonder who they are. Our stores are being decorated with sale bills. Many are heeding Greeley's advice and are going west.

PENN HALL.

Mr. Frank Philip's sale on Friday was largely attended, Mr. Philips and family will leave for Ohio in a few weeks. They have our best wishes on their journey. J. W. Evans has purchased a fine team of mules and likes them as a team for driving. J. W. Bartiges was very unfortunate with his fine driving horse last week. His brother was driving the beast to Madisonburg on Thursday evening and near Yearicks church a man driving behind them wanting a chase began to drag to one side of the road; the cracking of the snow crust frightening the animal and striking her heels against

the sleigh caused her to kick until her leg was broken, and had to be killed the next morning; the animal was valued at two hundred dollars. The contract on J. B. Fisher's roller mills was awarded to Messrs. Wolf and Hamaker from Chambersburg. It will not be long until work will begin and Pennsylvania will have a fine quality of Roller flour. Dr. Houtz from Loganville was noticed in our village on Sunday. He spent Saturday evening at Spring Mills with Dr. Vanvalzak. We think it would be a blessing if some of our young lovers would leave down the blind or close the shutters during a call by their beaux. We think it would stop the gossiping by so many people. Please try it, take the advice of a poor "Mountain Boy." Jonathan Condo intends moving to Clintondale Clinton Co. and work for Mr. Allison, his father-in-law this summer. MOUNTAIN BOY. -Mr. Wilbur Crow Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. has resigned his position as Secretary. We understand Prof. Shaffer will succeed him. -John Garbrick of Coalville, can write "J. P." after his name now, and Amos Garbrick, has the right to inspect it according to the results of the late election. -Col. S. T. Shugert spent several days in Philipsburg this week, visiting his daughter. -Letters threatening the destruction of St. Paul Cathedral and the Bank of England, by dynamite, have been received by the authorities in London. -A great many who are complaining of hard times now, can plunk down a dollar for whisky, with considerable ease. -New dress goods in cashmeres and coupure at Garman's. -He got there Eli-Perkins at Oscoda on Monday evening the 16th inst. -Beautiful shades in silk floss at Garman's. -Subscribe for the CENTRE DEMOCRAT. -A. C. Mudge has engaged an experienced workman expressly for repairing gum boots. He guarantees all holes and patches until the boots are worn out, give him a call. 3t. All the new shades in working cotton at Garman's. -Our Spring Stock of WOOLENS now complete. Bottom prices, leave your order to-day. MONTGOMERY & CO. Tailors -Subscribe for the CENTRE DEMOCRAT. -Wilson, McFarlane & Co., call attention to the only reliable Ready Mixed Paint in the market. The Pioneer Prepared Paint is not only superior to any Ready Mixed Paint sold but rivals pure white lead in its smoothness in durability. This paint is guaranteed by the manufacturer not to crack or peel within three years. The guarantee is not only good for replacing the paint but it will be put on if it should crack or peel within the time specified. It will be to your interest to call and see Wilson, McFarlane & Co., before purchasing either white lead or any Ready Mixed Paint. -Gents knit jackets of all grades at GUENHEIMER'S. MARRIED. OVERDORF-EMERICK -At the residence of the bride's parents, Clintondale, Pa., Feb. 12th, 1885, by Rev. J. Brubaker, Mr. J. M. Overdorf, of Nittany, Pa. to Miss Mary R. Emerick, of Clintondale, Pa. DEATHS. PETERS-On Friday morning Mrs. Geo. L. Peters, near Unionville. KELLEY-On Friday February 14th, at the residence of James Kelley at the dwelling springs by fall from a fence. BAILEY-On Sunday February 15th at Petersburg, Pa. Miss Emma Bailey, the deceased was a sister of Frank Bailey of Bellefonte Pa. MCULLEN-On Saturday afternoon February 14th Andrew McMullen at Hecla Furnace Centre Co. Pa., aged 45 years. BRICKLEY-On Sunday morning February 15th, Howard Brickley of Howard Pa. at the Lloyd House in Philipsburg aged about 30 years. SHARP-On Friday February 13th Mrs. Elizabeth Sharp near Eldand Centre Co. aged about 60. MEYER-On Saturday February 14th, at Philipsburg a little five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Meyers. CHRISTIE'S School of Business. THIS institution is devoted to the speciality of imparting business knowledge, and to qualifying the young and middle aged of both sexes by new and practical methods for the responsible duties of business life. Rates moderate. Advantages superior. For particulars address, S. N. CHRISTIE, Principal. LOCK HAVEN, PA. POOR MANS DYES are superior to any 10 cents dye. All colors for cotton, wool, silk or feathers. Fast, brilliant colors. For sale by F. POTTS GREEN. ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE Letters of Administration on the estate of Hamilton G. Graham deceased late of Snow township having been granted to the undersigned, she desires all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated by law for payment. EMMA E. GRAHAM, Executrix. IN THE ORPHANS COURT OF Centre County, Estate of Michael Schultz, deceased. The undersigned an Auditor appointed by said Court to make distribution of the funds in the said estate of M. L. Rinaldi administrator of the said Michael Schultz, deceased, in and among those legally entitled thereto, will meet the parties in interest, at his office in Bullheads, Pa. on Tuesday February 24th, 1885, at 10 o'clock A. M. where all parties interested may appear.