

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.

NOTICE.—Our office is now in Harris' new building opposite the Bush Arcade.

NOTICE.—Our patrons can assist us materially by paying up their subscription. Some are back since 1879. In the late fire we suffered a considerable loss in the destruction of our water meter and machinery which will have to be replaced. As we had no insurance on the machinery in our late office, it is a total loss which will fall quite heavy on us. Those in arrears will please remit.

Our subscribers changing their post office, address will please give name of old, as well as new office.

Flittings have begun in earnest. Spring, glorious—to be continued in our next.

The Elk county Democrat was very busy last week.

Hard times, but easy enough for men to get drunk.

The Millheim Journal is improving very much as a local paper.

It is said the President was 48 years old, on Wednesday the 18th.

Chicken thieves are making away with chickens in Lock Haven.

The Methodist conference will be held in Harrisburg next year.

At the recent M. E. revival in Centre Hall over fifty persons were converted.

Dr. Hafer moved from Millheim to this place last week. We welcome him to our town.

The death of John McClellan a well known citizen of Clearfield occurred on Sunday 20th inst.

The remains of Mrs. Kelly of Mill Hill were brought to this place on Monday last for burial.

Mr. Elias Zimmerman of Milesburg will make sale of his household goods on the 18th of April.

Frank Wasson formerly of Houserville will open a marble yard at Centre Hall in the near future.

On Tuesday, the 22d inst., Mr. Rob't Stewart, of Ramey, Clearfield county, celebrated his 104th birthday.

The eclipse was visible here, and was witnessed by those who were prepared with their smoked glasses.

Now we should have our fire companies well equipped in every respect and a good hook and ladder company.

Department Commander Austin Curtin visited the Col. Huling Post at Lewistown on Wednesday the 25th inst.

We are in receipt of the North Clearfield Herald Vol. 1, No. 5. We welcome it among our exchanges and wish it success.

Mr. John Peters' house in Milesburg, caught fire on Monday morning. The flames were extinguished after the roof was burned off.

Prof. Lowel Meyer, the renowned vocalist, meets with the heartiest reception wherever he sings. He was a great success at Coburn.

The Renovo News will soon have a new press. We are pleased to note the prosperity of our neighbor the News, and wish them success.

The Krom sisters, of Lock Haven are becoming expert professional skaters. Their exhibitions are meeting with favor wherever they appear.

Mr. Edgar Greene has moved into his new house on east Bishop street. He began the erection of the same about two months ago.

Postmaster Peter Sparge, at Knox, Pa., committed suicide on the 7th inst. when the post office inspector found a shortage of \$365 in his accounts.

Talk is said to be cheap. Try it, through the telephone to some point outside the district about twenty five times per day and see how cheap it is.

Rev. Chas. F. Steek gave a most enjoyable parlor entertainment at the residence of H. Y. Styler Esq. on Thursday evening, consisting of recitations from Shakespeare.

A great many towns and some that try very hard to be a city, are away behind Bellefonte. Many do not have the electric light or steam heat. We had more than steam heat on Friday night.

Some of the kindhearted citizens of Altoona gave an entertainment on last Saturday evening for the benefit of the poor. It is a worthy example that can always be followed to a good advantage in any town.

The Aronsburg academy is to be opened again on April 20th. This was at one time a very flourishing school, and no doubt will be brought up to its former standing under the able scholar Prof. Frank Musser.

Say do you want a juicy steak, a sweet roast; If so just try the new meat market on Allegheny street.

David forgot his religion, during the fire and gave vent to some practical ideas with argumental adjective attachments.

Mattie Vickers, was to have been here on the 30th, call again Mattie when Mr. Reynolds has the new Opera house built.

The Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society will hold their fair beginning September 23 and closing out 7th.

R. B. Spangler, & Co., are for the present located in the Brockerhoff building on Bishop street, where their customers can find them ready to wait on them.

Two Altoona girls got drunk in Tyrone and were fired out of several hotels. The Tyrone Herald advises Altoona to keep such kind of cattle at home.

Fishel Bros. served the lady skaters with lovely bouquets on Saturday evening at the rink. They have our thanks for one, although we are no lady, nor are we the fellow who was going to dress up in order to get a bouquet.

A brave man in Milesburg beat his wife. Bellefonte can boast of one just as brave and the only reason he is not arrested is because he lives too near the jail now. The boys talk of treating him to a good dose of tar and feathers.

Between two sweet strains of music pealing forth from the organ in the G. A. R. Hall above us, and the screaming subjects in Dr. Hafer's dental chair, we expect to be carried from the extremity of joy and bliss, to sympathetic torture.

The following are some of the causes of the scarcity of fish. The dams which obstruct most of the largest streams; the many illegal and deadly devices to kill fish at all season of the year, not observing the spawning season, and many other causes are assigned.

The address on Scientific Temperance which was published in last week's issue was delivered by Miss Sue E. Campbell, Secretary of the W. C. T. Union, before the Local Institute recently held in Pine Grove Mills, instead of W. H. Fry as previously stated.

"You fellows were lucky," "boys you just got out in time," "Bible ain't you glad you got out" and other like expressions are being showered upon us. Of course we are glad we got out. If we hadn't got out we would have been burned out.

The Tyrone Times of which Mr. Holmes is editor is now offered for sale Mr. Holmes' health is failing and he is obliged to retire from the business. The material is mostly new. The circulation is large and paying. It is a bargain for some one.

A man who will steal at a fire is mean enough to do anything. If the names of all those who stole goods at the fire on Friday could be published it would surprise our citizens, not so much on account of the large list, but some of the supposed better element would be greatly exposed.

The boiler at H. S. Sair's Phoenix Plaining in this place, that sprung a leak some time ago is now in the very best condition, having been thoroughly repaired by E. Keeler & Co. of Williamsport, Mr. Ardell and his foreman Robt. Cole say the job is first class in every respect, which speaks very highly for Messrs Keeler and Co.

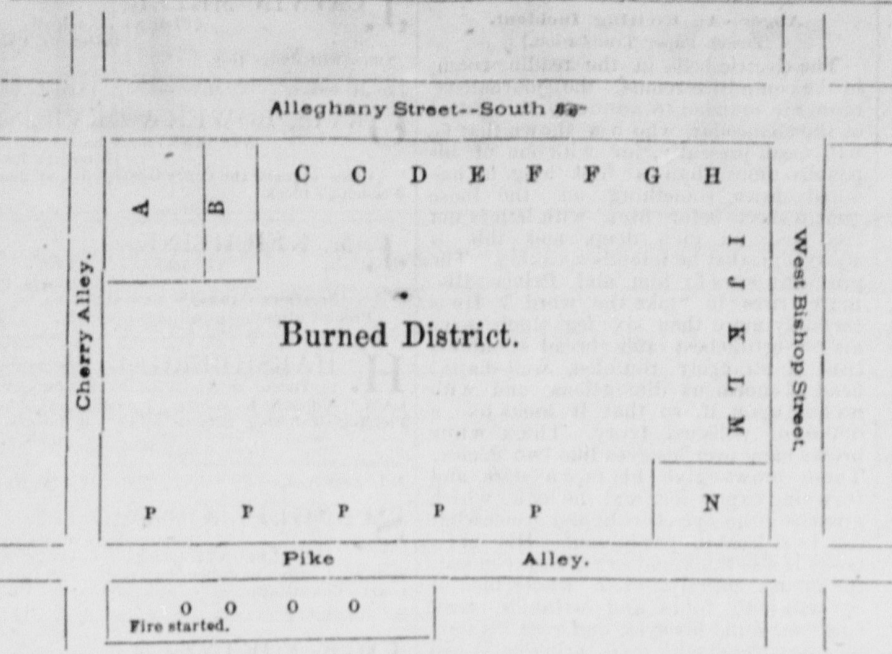
Mr. Thos. Norman, of Thomas street slipped on the icy side of High street on Saturday, and was hurt so badly that it was necessary to carry him into Dr. Kirks, drug store and care for him. Mr. J. M. Brower, of Buffalo Run was also injured from a fall on Saturday on our icy pavements. Mr. James Rowan was obliged to take him home in a buggy.

The Lock Haven Daily Democrat blundered into our sanctum among our exchanges loaded to the muzzle with an account of the big blaze. Of course we were surprised to see our sprightly contemporary, as it has been absent from our table for some time. Come fight along neighbor, don't wait for another fire. We can't stand many of that size.

On Wednesday the 18th inst., the house on Major Reynolds farm at the Big Hollow near the toll gate on the Boalsburg pike was destroyed by fire together with all its contents. Mr. and Mrs. Carson who resided on the farm were away from home at the time, leaving three of their children in charge of the house. The house was insured for \$800, but the furniture of Mr. Carson, was not. Their loss is heavy and the charity of the public to assist them in this their distress is solicited.

The Sr editor of this paper was debating the right away with a cow that was coming up the alley in the direction of the fire; but Mrs. cow was not long in deciding the question in the affirmative Mr editor came very near having his arm torn off. A traveling salesman who at this time was traveling very close behind the editor endeavored to get out of the cow's way, but fell, when the cow jumped over and passed on only to come in contact with a few more such obstacles. The cow was "boss" of the situation.

Diagram of Burned District.



EXPLANATION.—A, Joseph Bros.; B, Loeb; C, C. the two store rooms occupied by Goldsmith Bros.; D, R. B. Spangler's furniture store; E, entrance to Opera House; F, F. Saloon and Restaurant; G, entrance to rooms above; H, James O'Brien's pool room; I, Charles Brown; J, N. Bauer's grocery store; K, where Coe's bakery formerly was; L, McClure's harness shop; M, Undine's house; N, Ammerman's residence; O, O, O, O, Brockerhoff stables; P, P, P, P, P, stables and warehouses, etc. All the buildings on this one-fourth block were entirely consumed, including stables, warehouses, etc., excepting A, B, and X.

THE FIRE FIEND.

THE MOST DISASTROUS FIRE IN MANY YEARS.

Probable Loss, \$125,000.

FIGHTING FIRE WITH THE THERMOMETER AT ZERO—THE WEST SIDE OF ALLEGHENY STREET, FROM S. A. LOEB'S STORE TO BISHOP, AND THE NORTH SIDE OF BISHOP WEST TO AMMERMAN'S HOUSE IN RUINS—THE ENTIRE EASTERN PORTION OF THE TOWN AT THE MERCY OF THE FLAMES—LOCK HAVEN AND TYRONE CALLED ON FOR ASSISTANCE.

About 8 o'clock on Friday night, the shrill cry of "Fire!" "Fire!" rang out on the frosty air and was taken up by the startled citizens all over town. Flames were seen issuing from the private stable of the Brockerhoff estate and before the firemen arrived the destruction of that and the adjoining stable were inevitable. Soon the Undine and Logan boys were on the ground and the work of fighting the flames began in earnest. The horses and vehicles were removed from all the stables adjoining the burning buildings; but nothing could be rescued from the Brockerhoff stable except a cow, which was turned loose in the yard. A valuable team of horses, carriage, buggies, sleighs, harness, etc., were destroyed.

A high wind was blowing from the north west and the flames leaped up into the sky like angry demons, showers of sparks dense as a snow storm, dropped into our streets and on the roofs of houses and stables; burning shingles floated in the air like fire messengers of destruction. The greedy flames soon wrapped in their fiery embrace the stables on the east side of the alley, that runs north from Bishop street. Soon Joseph's stable in the rear of their store, the stable occupied by Cal. Loeb and the shop used by R. B. Spangler & Co., as a cabinet and paint shop, were on fire. Now the whole block embraced in the present burnt district seemed doomed and the destruction of the entire south-eastern part of the town appeared to be only a question of time. The stone stable of the Joseph brothers stood an impassable barrier to the spread of the fire towards the north-east and east, and to this fact, and the watchfulness of people on the roofs of houses and stables, is due the safety of that portion of town, south of High street. The firemen battled bravely with the flames, and each man vied with the other in his efforts to stay the awful doom that threatened the town. By nine o'clock the fire was confined to the stables on the east side of the alley and to the smouldering ruins of those on the west side, where it originated. Tyrone and Lock Haven had been telephoned early in the evening for assistance, and afterwards when our boys had the fire under control, they were telephoned that they were not needed. During all this time the sparks and burning shingles were flying in every direction, and men with buckets of water were on every roof, putting out fire as fast as it caught. Early in the evening property owners realized the fact that the only salvation for the town was to confine the fire in as small a space as possible, and each man guard his own roof and watch his own property. The firemen could successfully contend with the flames in reach of their hose, but beyond that they could not be of any service; nor could they leave the fire that was raging east of Allegheny street, to extinguish a flame that a bucket of water would put out, as in the case of the Catholic church roof. If ever Bellefonte was proud of her fireman it was on Friday night. Every drop of water that struck froze and as the heat from the flames burnt their faces and brought the steam from their wet clothes in front, a thick coat of ice on their backs, gave them a grotesque appearance. Tired, hungry, wet and frozen they sought refreshments. The fire was now harmless and required watching and a constant stream of wa-

ter only. The business houses on the west side of Allegheny street, and on the north side of Bishop street were saved. The balance of town rested easy and hundreds of people went home and retired to rest.

THE SECOND FIRE.

About ten o'clock, smoke was seen issuing from the store of V. J. Bauer on Bishop street, and again the cry of "Fire!" was taken up; but people were told that there was "no fire, it was only smoke from the fire back in the alley."

For twenty minutes smoke poured out in dense volumes, filling Bishop street almost to suffocation, finally the store door was broken in and the firemen began to play on china-ware and crockery in the store, but in the rooms there did not appear to be any fire. In a few moments the flames burst forth from a dozen places, and from the roof of the building and that of J. L. Spangler, the flames seemed to burst simultaneously. Now began the second and most destructive fire, and its origin is as much of a mystery as the fire in the stables on the west side of the alley. The refusal of certain parties to allow the firemen access to the burning building was a serious mistake. Who these parties were, or what their reasons for doing so, or what their authority was we do not know, as there are conflicting stories concerning it, but one thing is clear, the fireman did not get in with their hose, or locate the position of the fire until it was too late to save the tinder boxes that extended to the opera house block, or to save that building.

The scenes on Allegheny and Bishop streets were unique, but characteristic fire scenes and while nobody threw the looking glass out the window and carried the feather bed down stairs, many ridiculous things occurred. The excitement was intense, everybody was moving out goods and furniture, all worked with a heartiness which does credit to those engaged, a red hot cook stove was removed from the third story of the corner building and safely deposited on the street. The fire was now forcing its way along Bishop street and north along the West side of Allegheny until it had enveloped every building on the square bounded by Bishop street on the south and the alley on the north except Joseph's store.

The corner building soon succumbed and the iron front Opera House block followed. The flames were leaping upward and across the street in a manner that endangered the buildings on the opposite side of the street.

The Catholic church was twice on fire and the deep tones of its bell twice called its faithful to the rescue. It was at this time that the difficulty occurred between some of the firemen, one party trying to take the hose to the church and the other opposing. The folly of leaving a great fire with the hose to put out a fire that was afterwards extinguished with a bucket of water was apparent to every body. The fire wall of Loeb's store saved that building from destruction. Towards morning the Tyrone firemen arrived on a special train, and got to work. All danger of further spreading of the fire had passed. The iron front Opera House had fallen in, and the flames spent their force against the fire wall, of Loeb's building.

It is years since Bellefonte has been visited by such a terrible conflagration and never have our fire boys been compelled to work against such odds wind weather and fire combined. After a hard work days many of them were called to fight the flames through the night. Covered with ice from head to foot, fingers and toes frozen, they looked as though they were fresh from an arctic expedition.

INCIDENTS OF THE FIRE.

While the Bee Hive store was burning a thief was endeavoring to get away with several satchels, was mildly headed off by the fire of a seven shoot-

er. He dropped the plunder and was satisfied to escape with his life.

One individual realizing that spring and muddy weather is approaching stole a lot of gum shoes. He undoubtedly had a family as the shoes were of different size.

When the roof of an ice house was burning some lunatic wanted the ice carried out.

Some of the kind woman furnished coffee to firemen, which was a God send as some were almost frozen.

One of the clerks in the Bee Hive store remained at his post until the back wall fell in, and then loosing presence of mind screamed for help instead of breaking out the window or unlocking the front door. Assistance was promptly rendered, and the young man saved.

The young man who was loaded down with suspenders will please report at the police station where satisfactory arrangements for his recovery together with the stolen goods will be made.

Every conceivable mode of getting away with plunder was used on Friday night. The man who got on the inside of six shirts and did not manage to get the lower portion properly adjusted, will be looked after by the authorities in due time.

Miss Margaret Whiteman an aged lady who had rooms above Bauer's store lost every thing in the fire excepting the clothes she had on. Miss Whiteman is a nurse, and has quite an interesting history, having rendered service to the wounded and dying soldiers as nurse during the war for several years. She is left without anything now, and should be cared for by the charitable citizens.

INSURANCE.

Insurance placed through J. A. Rankin & Son's Agency:

Table listing insurance policies and amounts: T. R. Reynolds \$15,000; V. J. Bauer & Co. 3,200; Van Pelt & Spangler 4,600; R. B. Spangler & Co. 2,500; Goldsmith Bros. 12,200; E. Joseph & Bro. stable and contents 1,200; Total \$38,700.

Insurance was placed in the following Companies:

Table listing insurance companies and amounts: Lancashire \$8,000; Commercial Union 6,000; Hartford Fire 2,500; Phoenix, of Hartford 2,200; American, of Philadelphia 2,000; Phoenix, of London 5,000; Springfield, of Massachusetts 2,200; London & Lancashire 2,500; Continental, of New York 2,500; Queen, of Liverpool 1,200; Total \$38,700.

The following with Mr. Bond Valentine:

Table listing insurance policies with Mr. Bond Valentine: Goldsmith Bros. \$7,500; C. G. McMullen 1,500; Lead May 200; C. I. Loeb 600; J. H. McClure & Son 200; J. I. McClure 200; J. H. McClure 200; Joseph Coe's 750; Christ Giering 200; Total \$11,600.

Amount in Companies, as follows:

Table listing insurance amounts in companies: Sun Fire Company \$8,550; Hamburg Bremen 600; Western 2,000; Orient 200; Commercial 2,500; Total \$13,650.

The following with Mr. George L. Potter:

Table listing insurance policies with Mr. George L. Potter: Goldsmith Bros. \$6,700; Miss Ammerman 300; A. Ammerman's Estate 100; Lead May 200; S. A. Loeb's stable 200; Brockerhoff's estate 2,800; Total \$10,400.

In addition to this there is a large amount of insurance on property that is damaged on the opposite side of the street; and S. A. Loeb's building and stock, Joseph Bros.' building and stock, Brockerhoff building on Bishop street, and stock.

PERSONAL.

Wm. Alters of Spring Mills was in town on Monday.

Mr. Jno. W. Eby of Zion favored the Democrat with a short call.

Mr. Josiah J. Hoy one of Walker township leading democrats, and wide awake farmers gave our office a call on Monday.

Mr. John A. Daily of Curtin township paid his respects to the Democrat; and among the host of others who congratulate us on escaping from a total loss in the fire he extended his congratulations.

The Lock Haven Express of Saturday says: "Tonner Leathers of Unionville, who is well known here as an assistant of Governor Curtin in the Stationery Department, returned home." Well we are completely cumfuddled, to use a latin phrase. We thought the Gov. was representing the 20th district in Congress, but instead of that he is in "the Stationery Department and Tonner Leathers first assistant." We hope our readers will pardon our ignorance of this matter. We published several speeches of Gov. Curtin's made on the floor of the house. Wonder if Express don't mean that the Gov. is Congressman and Tonner Assistant Congressman?

BELLEFONTE, March 24th, 1885.

This may certify that the Sun Fire Office, Bond Valentine, Agent, Bellefonte, Pa., has this day paid me in full for my loss by fire on March 20th, to my full satisfaction, and I can conscientiously recommend said company to the patronage of the public.

J. W. NEWSON.

The above speaks well for the Company, and Mr. Bond Valentine their agent.

The following special agents and adjusters, representing the different companies were here this week attending to business relating to the recent fire: A. D. Lundy Williamsport, Sun & Fire Office London; Geo. B. Armistead Huntingdon, Continental; John D. Henry, York, Connecticut; Wm. B. Kelley, Muncy, Smencar; A. C. Beers, New York, Commercial & Union; W. B. Shoemaker, Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania Fire, Franklin, Phila.; S. S. Childs, Harrisburg, Orient; Wm. Muir, Philadelphia, Fire Association; H. C. Kline Bedford, Queen; F. B. Kreamer, Carlisle, L. L. Globe, J. M. Biggart, Pittsburg, Western; J. J. Babcock, Binghamton, Springfield; John Williams, York, Farmers of York.

The contest between Mr. Stewart Laird and Mr. Wm. Fishel on Tuesday evening, was decided in favor of the former much to the dissatisfaction of many present. The contest was to have been a trick and fancy skating. While Mr. Laird is perhaps the most graceful skater. He did not perform as many tricks, nor as difficult, as Mr. Fishel. The gentleman were very equally matched. Mr. Fishel occupied twenty minutes, and Mr. Laird fifteen in the performance.

Mr. Jacob Zottorf of Houserville brought some of the finest steers to Sechlers meat market on Wednesday last, we have seen this year; some weighing between 1500 and 1600. Mr. B. always has a good class of stock, and the dealers know it.

The steam laundry of this place receives washing from Houtzdale, Tyrone, Osceola and other points outside the county.

The CENTRE DEMOCRAT has got into snaz new quarters on High street and henceforth there will be no more "such getting up stairs as I never did see." Hope our neighbor feels at home and will prosper.—Centre Reporter

Thanks brother Reporter we do feel at home now, and the stairs are easier to climb. Take the elevator and come up.

Goldsmith, Bros. will open their store in the Harris building on High street.

The following poetic lines from the editor of the Daily News though set in prose is entitled to a more conspicuous form.

Tomorrow being the 22d of Spring, Is the day the little birds begin to sing: Then according to the Poet, They build their nest, and hatch their brood. And with tender solicitude Care and provide food, But cold weather often Goads back on these pictures Of the Poet.

We think in this case it did, and that is why he concluded to put it in prose, or perhaps the News thought the meter broken.

At the expiration of six weeks, when the groundhog's lease upon the weather had expired, o'd Mr. hog attempted to come out, when master groundhog, his son, said "Father, don't venture out." "Why?" replied the father; "Because I have prophesied two or three weeks more cold weather." "Pshaw, my son, you must not assume to know as much as your father." "But, see here, dad, I am right." "Shame, shame, my son, to argue with your father on such an important question as that, and one on which I am the authority and always have been." "Well I only want to try my luck on two weeks." "Alright, my son, try your hand—the boy is right.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Bellfonte, Centre county Pa. March 23, 1885.

William Barbour, Mrs. Fannie Baney F. S. Case, Edwin R. Curly 2, Fred Chandler, Miss Cora Denning, James J. Egan, Olie Gummo, Miss R. Gehanett, William C. Grove, Miss Mary Hoover, Mrs. Sarah Hamer, F. S. Jones & Co. Reuben Keller, John Lutz, Mrs. Lew. Lane, John Mark, Miss Emma K. Miller, Miss Sarah Mills, M. W. Oliver, Mrs. Mary Quinn, Mr. Robertson, Miss Laura Somers, Miss Gerlie Slatebeck, William Sans, Caroline J. Smith Chas. Willard, William Weaver, Mrs. Maggie Wilcox, Mrs. Minnie White, Mrs. Mary Young.

FOREIGN LETTERS.

Sig Vinango Amato, Sig Francis Burnard Sig Facini Giambattista Sig Pletto Leonardi Morani, Pasquale Moran, Vinango Morane, Sig Siego Nivello, Sig Grago Pittrelli Sig Parguelo Sig Filepo Strangey Sig Fillego Tomasho Pall Vrank.

Persons asking for letters named in the above list will please say they are advertised.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—The annual meeting of stockholders of the Bald Eagle Valley Railroad Company is called for Tuesday, April 14th, 1885, at 11 o'clock A. M., at 233 South Fourth street Philadelphia. Election for President and Directors same day and place ALBERT HEWSON, Secretary.

MARRIED.

DAILY—HOOPER.—At Unionville, March 18, by U. M. Priddy, Mr. J. L. Daily of Dubois Bedford Co. and Miss Laura C. Hoover of Unionville Centre Co. On March 8, at Tylerville by Rev. N. J. Miller, C. H. Weber, of Sabersburg, and Miss D. Regina Johnson of Tylerville. On March 12 at the residence of Wm. Wolf Centre Hall, by Rev. W. E. Fisher, J. Whinnier Wolf, of Centre Hall, and Miss Elizabeth McCoy, of Potters Mills. On same day, by the same Lewis F. Hestinger, of Centre Hall, and Miss Mary A. Balm, of Spring Mills Pa.