

The Centre Democrat.

Thursday Morning, August 27, 1885.

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

Local Department.

NOTICE.—Mr. George H. Knically, is the only authorized collector for the DEMOCRAT.

NOTICE.—All persons who have not already signed the petition address to Gov. Pattison, should call at the Records office and sign.

—The squirrel season opens September 1st.

—The color of the phosphate, how delighful.

—Oscar L. Case has been appointed postmaster at Snyderdowa.

—Some very interesting cases are being tried at this term of court.

—Several more new houses are being erected in Bush's addition at present.

—Mr. Joe Brockerhoff, of Bellefonte visited Ridgeway on Monday.—*Eik Democrat.*

—A real Chinese laundry is now located in the basement of the Bush House "washee donee uppee quickee all-a samee."

—The Bellefonte Academy will open on the 7th of September under the management of Prof. Hughes and his able corps of instructors.

—Among those who graduated from Christie's School of Business, of Lock Haven, recently, was Mr. Wm. B. Haines of Liberty township.

—Miss Alpha Corman is always receiving new goods, and during the past ten days has added a stock that will make your eyes dazzle. Call and see it.

—A party of young ladies from Tyrone, Lock Haven, Philipsburg in company with some of our Bellefonte ladies and gentleman picnicked at Penn Cave on Friday last.

—The Cambria Iron Works, the stores and all the business houses in Johnstown, were closed from 1, to 5, o'clock on Monday afternoon as a mark of respect to the late Hon. D. J. Morrel.

—Mr. Edmond B. Rankin has received the appointment of Telegraph operator in this place, and will take charge on the 1st of September. Mr. Ed Speer will cast his lot in the West.

—Crowds of people have been watching the flight of a white swallow which has been circling around and above Ardells planing mill. It is certainly a rare bird, but not any more mythical than was the "black" swan. This is the second, reported thus far.

—Mr. John McCormick of College township who is one of the wideawake farmers of that section of the country was a grand juror. John deals in phosphate and last year sold over 50 tons of the Sharpless & Carpenter phosphate and this year has disposed of 180 tons.

—A young man came into the court room on last Monday and began smoking, when his Honor Judge Furet had him brought up and fined him \$2. The young man will not smoke in the court room during court very soon. The Judge is going to have the rules of the court respected, and individuals who do not know better, will be taught a lesson.

—On last Thursday a tramp sitting along the pike between this place and the Billing Springs, frightened Mr. Williams' horse, causing a runaway, upsetting the buggy and throwing Mr. Williams and Mrs. Griffith out, but fortunately they were not seriously hurt. The tramp did not come to their assistance but sat still and unconcerned.

—Bert Taylor, son of Mr. Hughey Taylor, employed at the Taylor ore banks near this place, while driving an ore car accidentally got his foot under the car wheel and had one of his toes mash so badly that it was necessary to have the toe amputated, Dr. H. K. Hoy performed the operation and the little boy is getting along very nicely.

—We challenge any town in the state to show as many improvements during the past year in proportion to size and population as Bellefonte. We challenge any town to show fewer idle men, better stores, handsomer churches, cleaner streets, less drunkenness, brighter children, and more of them, handsomer men and more beautiful women.

—The Judge's desk in the court room, which is walnut, elegantly designed and handsomely finished, was made at the Phoenix Planing Mill in this place, and is the design of Mr. Robt. Cole, that excellent mechanic. It is equal to any hard wood work done at a distance, and the commissioners showed their good judgment in having the work done at home. Bellefonte's industries, machine shops etc. are more varied than many people suppose, and a more liberal patronage would convince them that they would save money by so doing.

—Court proceedings will be given in full in our next issue.

—The coal shipments over the Tyrone and Clearfield railroad for last week, reached 45,622 tons, being a decrease of 124,904 tons.

—The Tyrone Iron Works are about to resume operation after a spell of idleness. A pottery is also being talked of in that place. We are glad to see this sign of improvement.

—One of the finest houses in the county outside of Bellefonte, when completed, will be that of Mr. Samuel Kunes, of Eagleville. It is about completed, and will be occupied by that gentleman before long.

—Beautiful steel engravings of General Grant, by Guylor, executed in India ink can be had at Alpha Corman's Novelty Store. Call and see them as they are the finest yet brought to Bellefonte.

—A beautiful white swallow is cavorting around the grist mill of Mrs. Smith at Unionville. It was watched quite a while flying around, by a number of citizens on Sunday, who declare they never before saw a white swallow.

—We have it from a good source that Mr. D. C. Keller, ex-county treasurer of this place, has purchased the farm of Mr. Jac. Grove, three miles east of town, and expects to move on it in the spring. Mr. Grove intends going west.

—Mr. Wm. Bloom of Ferguson township used three sacks of Sharpless & Carpenters phosphate on three acres of ground, and raised 120 bushels of wheat. Who can beat this record? Mr. Bloom is a first class farmer and works to improve his farm.

—The executive committee of the Juniata Valley Editorial Association has appointed September 24 as the day for an excursion to Atlantic City. The participants will have an opportunity to visit the State Fair, which will be held in Philadelphia at that time.

—The Pension board has been reorganized, and now meets regularly on Wednesday of each week, at the office of Dr. Geo. Harris. The following is the organization. President, Dr. Geo. Harris. Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. Seibert. The Board is composed of Drs. Harris, Seibert, and Fisher, of Zion.

—Misses Clara Anderson, Ella Glenn, and Nellie Bradley gave a party on Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Mert Cunningham, for their friend, Miss Maggie Smith, of Williamsport, who is visiting in Bellefonte at present. Ice cream and cake, games etc., and a good time generally were among the enjoyable features of the evening.

—Attorney General Cassidy Tuesday filed a bill in equity in the Dauphin county court on Tuesday the 25th inst. restraining the Pennsylvania railroad company or its agents from purchasing or by any means direct or indirect, acquiring control of either the South Penn. or Beech Creek roads. The preliminary injunctions were granted and made returnable September 8.

—John G. Tate and James Ginter, two of the old Tyrone forgersmen, now residing in Bellefonte, spent a portion of this week in Tyrone, in quest we presume, of a situation at their old fires down at the forge. They are good workmen, and carry with them testimonials of that fact. We hope all the old forgersmen may find places among us again.—*Tyrone Times.*

—On Tuesday of last week, while Mrs. Nettie Hall, and Miss Ellie Taylor were crossing the mountain from Unionville to Filmore, when about half way up they heard a noise behind them, on looking back they saw a huge black snake crossing the road, which they declare was not less than twelve feet in length and as "thick as a mans arm." It has been seen a number of times, but never captured.

—We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of H. K. Hicks on the fifth page of this paper. Mr. Hicks will continue in the business, but has changed from the credit system to the cash, and by buying for cash he is able to sell the same for the very lowest possible price, when cash is paid. It is by selling his goods at figures none on the credit system can compete with that enables him to do this. Mr. Hicks is here to stay, and his time and attention is wholly given to this one line of business, viz. the hardware business.

—A new crossing is badly needed at the ally which connects with Willow bank street at sheriff Woodring's residence. The proper authorities should attend to this matter, as accidents are liable to happen there at any time. Speaking of crossings reminds us that some time since the borough authorities agreed to lay a crossing on the same street, at the property of Mr. Seehler, provided the citizens of Spring township, in conjunction with Mr. Seehler whose property is within the borough limits, would lay a board walk along their properties. The citizens have fulfilled their contract, and we think it would be well enough for the chairman of the Street committee to see that the crossing is forthcoming.

LOGAN HOSE ENTERTAINMENT.—The Logan Boys, if they have a shadow of a chance, always make a success of an undertaking, and the entertainment at the rink on Friday evening was no exception. Early in the evening skating began and continued until after nine o'clock, the floor being crowded with skaters all the time, while every seat and bench was filled, and many persons stood. The Zion band played its most select pieces, and sustained its reputation. At half past nine the grand march was announced. The band furnished appropriate music, and the march started, led by Mr. Samuel Ryan and Miss Beezer, in a very acceptable manner. About twenty couple participated in the march. Dancing commenced at 10 o'clock and was kept up until after one, and was quite liberally engaged in ten sets being on the floor nearly all the time. Wrightmeyer's orchestra furnished the music. The affair was satisfactory to all concerned, and the committee who had the affair in charge,—Messrs. Seibert, Westcott, Fasig, Gensel, Cox, and Haupt,—deserve the greatest credit, for the best of order was maintained, everybody made comfortable, and the whole a success. Between \$46.00 and \$47.00 was cleared. This added to the \$70.00 already secured gives them \$117 towards an alarm. The boys are already negotiating for a bell, and expect to complete the arrangements before the end of the present week. Of course the above sum is not sufficient to defray the entire expense of an alarm, but the boys are plucky, and the money will be forthcoming in due time.

—Mr. J. T. McDivitt, who for the past four years operated the flouring mills of Curtins & Co. at Roland, has resigned his position and accepted a similar one at Moshannon, in the mill owned by J. T. Lucas. Mr. McDivitt is an excellent miller, and while at Roland gave entire satisfaction both to his employers and customers. We cheerfully recommend him to the people of Moshannon, and feel assured they will find in John as good a miller as ever made flour.

—A man that takes a paper for more than two years without paying a cent on it should not come round and tell you how to run it, but that is the kind of a fellow we ran across the other day. *Centre Reporter.*

Why brother Kurtz, that man had taken the paper long enough to really know how to run one, and the first thing he learned, was how to get his paper without paying for it. He will discontinue now and say he never subscribed for it, or tell you he only got it half the time, or move away.

ED. DEMOCRAT.—The local in the *Watchman* of last week on the meeting in the Court House yard was not in very good taste coming as it does from a man who has "beaten" every attorney at the bar who would endorse for him and who has stuck every county official for the last ten or twelve years. If that gentleman would "lift" some of his "paper" on which may be found the names of the different attorneys he could with better grace attempt to slur men who have the public interest in view, and whose ideas of honesty at least dictate the payment of their obligations.

VERITAS.—A number of our school teachers have gone to Clinton and Clearfield counties, to be examined but intend teaching in Centre. The object is to avoid the rigid examination by Prof. D. M. Wolf, and then ask him to endorse their certificates. Prof. Wolf is, and has been raising the standard of the common school system and the good results are already visible. It is said the examinations in Clinton are much easier than in Centre. Be this as it may, we do not think those teachers will succeed in their little game; and when a Clinton county certificate is presented to Prof. Wolf, by a Centre county school teacher for a school in Centre county the matter will be considered.

—The name of Jno. F. Fowler has long been known to the people of Centre county, in fact it has become a household word. He is perhaps the greatest lumberman in the county, and ranks among the extensive lumber operators in the state. He is a native of Maryland. When a mere boy he walked from that country to Centre county, friendless, homeless and penniless, he landed here and by perseverance, strict integrity of character, he has won for himself the respect of all who know him. Locating in the dense woods beyond Port Matilda, he cleared a farm and erected large handsome, and commodious buildings which now attract the attention of all who travel over the Bald Eagle Valley Railroad. Mr. Fowler is a self educated man, a thorough book keeper, and a business man in the true sense.

—A new line of hanging lamps just received at Corman's novelty store. All styles.

Personal.

Mr. John Kenyon of Philipsburg spent Sunday in town.

Foster Nelson, Constable of Philipsburg smiled on the court this week.

Mr. John Dullen of Walker, was among our callers on Saturday.

J. H. Reiffnyder, "Sammy" Faust, and Wm. B. Mingle were at the convention yesterday.

Mr. John Wolf, of Potter's Mills, enrolled his name among our cash subscribers for the Centre Democrat.

Mr. W. H. Griffin, of Half Moon, was one of the jurors at court this week. He favored the DEMOCRAT with his presence, on Tuesday.

Miss Jennie A. Dare leaves this afternoon for her home in Bellefonte, after having visited Miss Nora Raub and Miss Minnie Weldon, of this City.—*Lock Haven Democrat.*

Wm. Cullen, of Philipsburg, is a juror at court this week. "Billy" is one of the solid hard working young democrats of that region and deserves recognition at the hands of the party.

Mr. Pooler, the pleasant and accommodating clerk in F. P. Green's drug store, is one of the finest performers on the piano we have listened to for some time. He is a thorough musician.

Miss Mamie McKee, a bright young Miss of Lock Haven, who is visiting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beck of this place, gave a pleasant and enjoyable picnic party to her many young friends on Friday last.

Mr. Ira N. McCloskey, of Beech Creek, for a number of years the successful and well-liked Principal of the Eagleville grammar school, was a grand juror at court this week. Ira is a first class fellow and makes many friends wherever he goes.

Miss Annie Haisas, of Liberty township was a caller at our office on last Thursday. Miss Annie has been engaged in teaching school for a number of years, and as a wide-awake and efficient teacher, is well and favorably known in Centre county. Her brothers and sisters are all school teachers.

—About five hundred citizens of Bellefonte held a public meeting on Thursday last and denounced Vanderbilt for selling and the Pennsylvania for buying the South Pennsylvania and Beech Creek roads. We feel sorry for Bellefonte but the chances are that the Pennsylvania road buys what it pleases. It would be funny wouldn't it if Bellefonte people could successfully dictate to the Pennsylvania railroad and tell that big corporation what to do and what not to do? Our advice to Bellefonte people is to keep cool; very cool.

The above we clip from the *Renovo News*. Now it would be funny if Bellefonte were not free agents and would stand calmly by and see their chartered rights usurped and violated without entering a protest. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" and Pennsylvania's constitution was framed by her people to protect them in their rights. If our contemporary will read Sec. 4, Art. XVII of the constitution of the State he will understand the action of Bellefontes' citizens. We are "cool" "very cool" but determined to enter our protest against a violation of the rights of the people, and every man who wants the votes of Centre county's merchants, mechanics, laborers and business men must be "solid" for the constitution and the rights of her people. We don't live under the shadow of a giant corporation and mum. Every individual or corporation that menaces the interests of the people of Pennsylvania, will find in the sons of old Centre a vigorous and aggressive foe. We war only on those who war upon us. We know our rights and "knowing dare maintain."

—The following on the death of the late Mordecai Waddle, is from the pen of J. B. Linn Esq.: Mordecai Waddle Esq., died at his residence near Boiling Springs, in Spring township, Centre county, on Thursday evening, Aug. 20, 1885. He was a son of Thomas Waddle who came up with General Philip Benner to Rock Forge place in May, 1793, and was manager there. Thomas Waddle married Hannah (daughter of Gen'l Benner) born at Coventry, Chester county, Oct. 7, 1787. Thomas Waddle died in 1825 and his wife April 13, 1854. Mordecai was born at Rock Works, July 31st, 1812. Gen'l Benner established the Centre Democrat at Bellefonte in December, 1827, to promote the election of Gen'l. Jackson to the Presidency and Mordecai became an apprentice in the office, under William Platt. Platt was succeeded by John Bigler, afterwards Governor of California in 1830, and Mordecai remained in the office until John Bigler purchased the paper, Nov. 19, 1831. The paper was printed in a house which stood where ex-Governor Curtin's residence now stands.

Gen. Benner offered to keep the establishment for Mordecai if we would continue in the business, but he declined, and returned to Rock Works in the employ of his grandfather. On the 11th of October Mr Waddle was elected sheriff of Centre county upon the independent county ticket. He and George Alexander, elected in 1860, were the only sheriffs of Centre county elected

over Democratic candidates for that office since the organization of the county. After his term expired he retired to his place in Spring township, where he has resided in very poor health until the day of his death. He was the owner of Upper Rock Works place on which stands Gen. Philip Benner's Mansion in Benner township. He was a very kind hearted man and his death is sincerely mourned by his relatives and personal friends.

TO ENJOIN VANDERBILT.

A BILL IN EQUITY TO BE FILED TO-DAY.

Philadelphia Times, August, 25.

A sudden halt will be called this morning in the negotiations between Vanderbilt and the Pennsylvania Railroad, whereby Vanderbilt was to gain control of the West Shore and the Pennsylvania was to have acquired control of the South Pennsylvania and the Beech Creek Roads. Attorney General Cassidy will to-day file a bill in equity in Common Pleas Court, No. 3, restraining the Pennsylvania or its agents from purchasing or by any means, direct or indirect, acquiring control of either the South Pennsylvania or the Beech Creek Roads. The Attorney General was busy last night at his office preparing the bill. He bases it on article seventeen of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section four of article seventeen provides that "no railroad, canal or other corporation, or the lessee, purchasers or managers of any railroad or canal corporation, shall consolidate the stock, property or franchises of such corporation with, or lease or purchase the works or franchises of, or in any way control, any other railroad or canal corporation owning or having under its control a parallel or competing line."

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S VIEW.

The Attorney General was a very busy man last night but he found time to say this much while on his way to his office:

"I shall file a bill in equity to-morrow morning to restrain the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Vanderbilt and all other parties concerned from transferring the South Pennsylvania and Beech Creek Railroads. It will include all hands, and I shall file the bill to-morrow if I can find a Judge, but at all events I shall file the Bill as soon as I can find one. The bill will rest principally upon article seventeen of the new Constitution, which relates to corporations, which of course, will be elaborated upon. Still it tells the whole story although there are some incidental constitutional questions which will be brought in. I am going to do this as the law officer of the State, so that it cannot be said that action was taken by any interested parties. There is the Constitution, and I propose to have the question determined finally whether a great railroad is simply a private corporation or an institution for the public good—a common carrier. It is a matter which will affect not only Pennsylvania but all other states and is the most serious subject which has been brought forward for a generation. Of course I understand that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will say that they derived their charter from the State prior to the adoption of the new Constitution and that they are therefore exempt from its provisions. But I am going to make the courts settle it once and for all."

Senator James Gay Gordon was seen late last night and admitted that the bill was ready for filing in the court, but would give no information regarding the contents thereof. He said:

"My information is of course confidential, but I can say that there will be a great stir in the railroad circles when its contents are made known. The Pennsylvania Company are on the alert to head off any such legal steps. It remains to be seen whether they will succeed."

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad was held yesterday afternoon at the company's office. All members out of town were hastily summoned to attend, and special trains were sent over the road to bring them to the meeting, which was called to anticipate, if possible, any legal steps that the anti-transfer parties of the Beech Creek and South Penn railroads might inaugurate to prevent the consummation of the deal. The meeting was long and the situation was thoroughly discussed by those present. The proper parties were instructed to take all necessary steps to protect the interests of the Pennsylvania Co., and to insure the carrying out of the deal according to the original programme.

A prominent officer of the Pennsylvania Company stated that the company would find a way to circumvent any measures that the anti-transfer party might take to prevent the sale of the Beech Creek or South Penn, and that the situation was fully understood at the time the bargain was made in New York. At that time a way was suggested by which all legal obstructions could be circumvented. The present attitude of the anti-transfer party was fully anticipated, and the Pennsylvania is now prepared to fight its way through the courts.

WHAT DR. HOSSETTER SAYS.

Dr. Hossetter, of Pittsburg, was in town yesterday, in consultation with members of the South Penn syndicate who oppose the sale. He left last night for Pittsburg, to meet Mr. Andrew Carnegie and endeavor to induce him to oppose the deal. He said:

"Mr. Carnegie has informed me that he will not make a decision in the matter until he has consulted his friends and looked over the whole ground carefully. Of course he is not very thoroughly informed on some points in the matter, and I hope to convince him that the interests of us all will be best served by making a strong and determined opposition to the Vanderbilt party."

—Fall a winter woollens just received. Leave your order now and save money.

MONTGOMERY & CO.

THE COUNTRY EDITOR.—The country editor has a hard road to travel. He is the reporter, book-keeper, mechanical superintendent, business manager, collector, mailing machine and soliciting agent of the establishment. His work is hard, his receipts are small and his creditors numerous. In a small town an editor has to steer his course so as to avoid giving offence to different circles of society, the religious denominations, the business community and the rural population. If an influential old farmer wants a three column notice of his new barn, it must appear or the editor may lose a hundred subscribers. Patchwork quilts, big beets and phenomenal eggs also clamor for space in the columns of the country paper. In the course of time the rural scribe becomes either incoherent or morose, but in either frame of mind he continues to meet friends who demand free advertising or enemies who work against him.

The country editor is always getting ready to abandon journalism for something else, but he rarely carries out his threat. He generally dies in harness. In some wild communities editors occasionally meet with rough treatment. Sometimes they are driven out of the country, and, when other methods of getting rid of them fail, they are sent to the legislature. The city editor gets a good deal of fun out of the country editor's work, but the man who bears the burden regards it as serious business. And in the best sense it is serious. The little local weeklies scattered all over the country are in their way potential factors of civilization. They develop their localities, bring their resources before the public, and in a manner educate their readers. They are always on the side of the churches, the schools, progress and reform. Men who live and die working for such objects are public benefactors, and deserve a substantial reward.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

PENN HALL.

Once more we come.

Miss Mattie Condo left for the west last week to visit a sick sister in Ohio.

Mr. Guise is busily engaged in completing his new dwelling at Spring Mills.

The new band of Spring Mills passed through our village last Saturday and gave us a few notes of their choice music. We congratulate the boys in there doing so well for the short time in practice. May you prosper, is our wish.

The festival and picnic at Green Grove was largely attended on Saturday we have not yet learned what the proceeds amounted to, but they go towards purchasing an organ for the church at that place. The evening was pleasantly spent by the younger people indulging in games. Kiss me quick and let me go, almost made the older folks feel young again.

J. P. Condo left Monday morning on a commercial trip through Clinton and Lycoming county.

J. B. Fisher is making a large brick kiln which is run by a party from Rebersburg. No doubt a year after this we will have a brick mansion some where in this place.

MOUNTAIN BOY.

—Victims of Alcohol who have discovered your terrible mistake, you have only to let rum and tobacco alone and resort promptly to the famous Temperance Restorative, Vinegar Bitters, in order to be cured, not only of your original ailments, but of those which the poison you have been taking has caused. It will soon put you on your feet again.

—List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Bellefonte post-office August 24th. Miss Mary Butler, James Brown, John Bell, R. Benner, Mrs. Margaret Bradford, Franko Buoro, Giovanni Ballizane, Mihaly Banyik, Mary Cook, Antonio Cuccevisco, Luigi Derrico, Gaudio Famenico, Miss Mary E. Grossman, Carmine Gregorio, William Hold, Mrs. Margaret Harner, Miss Jennie Homer, Hrec Holak, J. W. Johnson 3, Miss Carrie Lawyer, W. P. Lyle, Pasquale Lipereilli, Mrs. Michael McGillen, Miss Christy McDonald, Thos. F. Marten, Henry Miller, Miss Sarah Nearhood 2, S. Oakland; Genaro Ottosina, Gao E. Reedy, Miss Maggie Roan, Jas. M. Romig, Miss Kitty Roberts, William Sanders, Christina Silars, William Smith, A. E. Scholl, Saverio Storino, Miss Taelamali.

FOREIGN LETTERS.

Giovanni Assalvie, Antonio Camill, Carmine Caraliene, Michele Carlo, Antonio Costantino, Egidio Ceanelly, Argelo Calle, Giuseppe Caterina, Bernardino Casale, Giovanni Laberti, Antonio Marigho, Francesco Madarmo, Matteo Notta, Antonio Paolillo 2, Pasano Norde Antonio Scarki, Antonio Triscia.

Persons inquiring for letters named in the above list will please say advertised.

JAS. H. DORRINS.

P. M.

NOTICE.—James Harris & Co. will not be beat on prices.

MARRIED.

HALL—BUFFINGTON.—At the home of the bride in Millsburg Pa. August 26th, 1885, by the Rev. G. O. Wright, Mr. O. M. Hall of Montrose Pa. and Mrs. E. N. Buffington of Millsburg Pa.

DEATHS.

SWINFHART.—At his residence in Bardsburg on August 10, 1885, of Cerebral Consumption at the age of 15 years 2 months and 4 days. GUY.—Infant daughter of Nathan and Urabiah Grove of Lemont, of Cholera Infantum aged 2 months and 13 days.