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Local Department.

NOTICE.—Mr. George H. Knicely, is the only authorized collector for the Democrat.

—Grangers picnic to-day. —Tuesday last was flower day. —The Glass works will start up next month.

—Norfolk, Plested and University shirts.—Garman's. —Daniel Brown of Gregg township, died on the 7th inst.,

—A fashionable wedding will occur, this evening at six o'clock. —Attend the Orchestra Concert to-morrow (Friday) night. Benefit of W. C. T. U.

—Mrs. John Hess, of Haines township dropped dead on Friday last, while in the garden.

—The funeral of Mr. John Dunkle's little child, took place Tuesday afternoon at 3, P. M.

—Clearfield encampment was an occasion never to be forgotten. Heavy rains, big "mud" and crowds of people.

—There is going to be a new industry not a hundred miles from town but can't say much about it. Wait till it comes.

—WANTED.—A good girl to do general house work, good wages. Apply at the residence of Frank E. Bible, East Curtin street.

—The new County Detective, who by the way, is a Stalwart Republican, was nominated "by, and with the advice and consent" of Editor Meek

—It is reported that there is to be a new grocery started in town. Now boys advertise and let the people know where your place of business is.

—The Democrat is under obligation to Gov. Curtin, member of congress from this (20th) District for a complete set of the Congressional Record.

—The Centre Reporter was brighter, cleaner and newer last week than we have seen it for a long time. Perhaps Freddie was away from home.

—Bellefonte's Centennial, 1895, only ten years to wait. Population in 1895, 15,000. You can cut off the figure one if the railroad to Beech Creek is not built.

—The Phillipsburg brass band expects to visit Bellefonte on Saturday next, when we can expect to hear some good music.

—Oh, golly, what a game of base ball was that at Centre Hall, between the home club and Aronsburg nine. 52 to 3. It was like the handle of a jug, all on one side.

—The morning trains Saturday brought to town large numbers of people to attend the picnic. The Lemont train had five coaches, nearly all of which were filled.

—The man who does not advertise his business cannot be trusted. He is bound to beat his customers. We never think of patronizing a firm that is too stingy or mean to advertise.

—S. V. Wilson, Esq., received the nomination for District Attorney of Clearfield county. Smith is a deserving young fellow and an able lawyer. We hope he will catch the golden opportunity.

—The Roland and Snow Shoe bands furnished the music for the picnic on Saturday. Both are good organizations. Both the Snow Shoe and Curtin bands favored Gov. Curtin with several fine selections during the day.

—Proprietor John G. Uzzle, who is drum major of the Snow Shoe band, led the boys through "thick and thin" on Saturday, in a manner that showed he understood his business. John never does anything by the halves.

—To those who have so kindly tendered us their congratulations on our marriage, we would return our thanks, but as that happy event occurred over eleven years ago, our friends have been a little tardy. However it is better late than never.

—Notwithstanding the fact that the Veterans conducted themselves as gentlemen on Saturday, many visitors and others made the day one on which to get "gloriously full." The result was several fights occurred, and the participants were locked up.

—A little two year old child of Mr. Edgings of Wallace Run, was killed on Wednesday afternoon, by the local freight. The little child followed its father to the cornfield and in crossing the track of the Bellefonte & Snow Shoe Railroad was killed.

—The body of Mrs. Hugh Glenn, an estimable lady of Marthas Furnace, and a sister of Mr. William Clark, of this place, who died on Thursday evening, was brought to Bellefonte for burial on Saturday morning. The funeral on Saturday evening was largely attended.

VETERAN ASSOCIATION RE-UNION.—On Saturday last the Centre County Veteran Association held its 12th annual reunion on the fair-grounds. The weather which for two or three days previous had been wet and disagreeable had not improved on Saturday morning, and many were kept away on that account. About dinner time the clouds began to break away and the afternoon was glorious. Notwithstanding the threatening weather there was an immense crowd of people in town. The address of welcome was delivered by D. F. Fortney, Esq., and while it was our misfortune not to hear it we heard it highly commended. Mr. Fortney is one of the most forcible speakers in Central Pennsylvania, and is always listened to with attention. He is brim full of facts and has a way of stating them that compels one to listen. After dinner, which was set in the old display building of the defunct Agricultural Society, and where every thing in abundance was to be had, the association was called to order by Gen. Beaver, its President, and the routine business gone through with, officers for the next year were elected. General Beaver wanted the next meeting of the association to get back to the original idea of a basket picnic, as there was more sociability about it and not so much of a drain on the community where the meeting is held. That the rule had been entirely broken by the hospitality of Unionville some years ago and they desired to get back to the original idea in the future. Gen. Beaver was followed by Rev. J. A. Woodcock in a neat little speech, Senator Peale of Lock Haven was next introduced. He spoke eloquently of the brave men who had gone forth to battle for the cause of union and liberty, and said the grand host was still marching on, that the tread of the dead heroes echoed in the golden streets of eternity and their deeds of valor would live on the pages of history as long as time. That the mission of the soldier did not end with his battles, it was his duty to preserve the liberties secured by war, and transmit the free institutions of this glorious Country to posterity for all time. We want free speech, a free press, free schools and free railroads. The Senator's speech was warmly received. Rev. Foster of Bellefonte was called on and made an amusing little speech. Gen. Beaver then introduced Major Armor of Baltimore as a veteran who had armed and equipped three regiments and part of a fourth and sent them into the field. The Major is a veteran and a true, chivalrous son of the South. He paid a beautiful tribute to the women of Pennsylvania and to Pennsylvania's soldiery. His anecdote of his mother was in excellent taste, and was warmly applauded. Maj. Armor was followed by that veteran of the riots of 1877, Maj. J. L. Spangler, who had been stirred up by the gray haired soldier from Maryland, to deliver a brilliant and eloquent oration. Col. D. H. Hastings, Spangler's Siamese twin, kept the audience in an uproar of laughter and applause, by his witty sayings, and outrageous stories, a "campaign lie" was as a wet taller dip, to the electric light character of the Col's. lie. Department Commander Curtin made a few remarks when the war Governor of Pennsylvania arose. It is useless to attempt a description of Gov. Curtin's speech. All the eloquence and fire has not left him yet, and what remains of it, is kindled into burning coals of patriotism by such occasions as these. That he takes pride and pleasure in talking to and of the soldiery of Pennsylvania is not to be wondered at. Six of his best years were devoted to the cause as Governor of the State and ever since his hand has been outstretched to help them. He should feel a just pride in the men he sent to battle. They never dishonored their State by cowardice or treachery. On every battle-field of the South sleeps her noble sons, and her own soil is soaked with the blood of her yeomanry.

What is pleasant in these gatherings is the entire absence of any feelings that might ordinarily be engendered by the war. All the speeches had reference to the glorious result, a united people, a flag without a single star crossed.

The meeting was very enjoyable. The association meets next year at Lemont.

—The Bellefonte Orchestra, assisted by some of our best musical talent, will give a Grand Concert in Humes' Hall to-morrow, (Friday) evening, for the benefit of the W. C. T. U. Let every lover of music, who desires a rare treat, go. The admission fee is within the reach of all, and the cause is a grand one. We owe a debt of gratitude to the W. C. T. U. for the drinking fountain and the public should generously patronize the concert. Don't forget. To-morrow evening.

—Miles township is minus its "Jone pauper." He died last week.

—Zephyrs, Saxony and Germantown.—Garman's.

—The appointment of County Detective was promised Mr. John Dunkle. Why did the District Attorney go back on his promise?

—The Curwensville Review put in an appearance dressed up in the best quality of brown wrapping paper. The editor of that sheet wants to give it an appearance of age.

—On Wednesday evening Mr. Freeman Gettle, a young man aged about 21, of Pleasant Gap sank into the sleep which knows no earthly waking. It appears that he had been in the West, where he became ill, and was brought home to die.—News.

—The rink opened on Saturday evening, for one night, and was largely attended. The management was first class, good order being maintained all evening. The Zion band as usual furnished unexceptionable music, and an enjoyable evening spent by all. If the present management continues during the winter, we predict a successful season.

—Geo. H. Wooden of Houtzdale, carried the delegates of Clearfield county for sheriff. Mr. Wooden is a brother-in-law of Charles Smith, our Treasurer, and for the last two days has been hourly expecting the death of his beloved daughter, who perhaps at this writing is no more. Nothing can compensate him for his loss and the glory of his victory will be swallowed up in the grave.

—L. J. LaPorte, of the Curwensville Herald force, was a visitor at the Democrat office, Wednesday. Mr. LaPorte is a bright genial young gentleman, and was much pleased with Bellefonte. Like all strangers, he is taken with the beautiful private residences, and solid business blocks of the town. Call again young man the door is always open.

—Hon. S. R. Peale of Lock Haven was one of the guests of the Centre county Veteran Association last Saturday, and made a short, but eloquent address. The Senator wound up by making a plea for "free speech, free press, free schools and free railroads." The railroad question in which Mr. Peale takes such a great interest, can hardly be choked off in a prayer meeting.

—We hear of two homes in which there is sorrow, caused by the death of infant members of the flock. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Foster are mourning the death of an infant child, and Mr. and Mrs. John Dunkle are plunged in sorrow by a similar death in their family. But none of these parents need mourn as those without hope, for death is only a messenger sent to admit us to a better home, and to some he comes earlier than to others.—Daily News.

—Alice, little daughter of Mrs. Mary Hull, who resides at Valentine's forge, died on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, aged about seven years. She was sick less than a week, when the messenger of death called her home. A bright and loving little girl, kind of heart, she was beloved by all who knew her, and the place she once held in the hearts of her playmates cannot easily be filled. We deeply sympathize with the bereaved mother in her hour of sorrow. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, and was largely attended.

—Bishop L. Wallace, youngest son of Hon. William A. Wallace, met with a serious accident at an early hour Friday morning. He had been attending a social gathering at Curwensville and upon his return home fell from the steps in front of his father's office, striking his head against the stone curbing, cutting a frightful gash on the top of his head, extending almost its entire length. At this hour he is yet unconscious and the particulars of the accident cannot be ascertained, it having occurred about 3 o'clock in the morning, shortly after the arrival of the train from the south, and nobody having seen him fall. The attending physician hopes for his recovery. Senator Wallace has been telegraphed for and will be at home by the time this is in print.

—Ida May Wooden, the only child of George H. Wooden of Houtzdale and niece of Treasurer Smith, died after an illness of three weeks, on Monday night about 10 o'clock. Ida was just on the threshold of womanhood, a bright, intelligent, loving daughter, the idol of the household, and loved by all who knew her. Death stole upon her unawares, and before her parents could realize it had wrapped her in his stern embrace. The blow was peculiarly severe on the father, because entirely unexpected. The hopes of a speedy recovery, were held out to Mr. Wooden, by the young girl's physician, and Mr. Wooden was in the heat of an exciting political canvass, and necessarily absent from home, a good portion of the time. When called to her bedside, it was as a heart-broken father. Death is the inevitable visitor to whom all homes are open. Only time, and a firm belief in God who "doeth all things well," can cure the heart-ache of the bereaved. We deeply sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Wooden in their irreparable loss.

—Whoever is appointed (County Detective) depend on it, he will be a Democrat." DIST. ATT. HEINLE.

—THE SCHOOL QUESTION.—The vexed question of the admission of the colored children to the public school building has been amicably settled, by a conference between the committee appointed by the colored people and the committee from the school board. The agreement reached by the two committees was substantially this: The colored people are to have their own separate school with a colored teacher and when any of the pupils became so far advanced as to gain admission to the high school they were to be admitted. Thus peace reigns in Warsaw unless agitators and demagogues stir it up again. It is perhaps just as well for our people to know that under the law of 1881 the section of the act of 1854 establishing separate schools for colored children where there were twenty or more, was repealed and distinctive schools entirely abolished. When the demand of the colored people for admission to the public school building was made every person at all familiar with the law knew that if they insisted in the demand the board of directors had nothing to do but to admit them. There was no discretion in the matter at all. With this knowledge the board simply heard the committee and took no action on it. They then informally discussed the matter among themselves with a view to affecting a compromise with the colored people and worked assiduously in that direction and with good results. It is folly to condemn the board of directors or to find fault with their action. The law was plain and if the colored people insisted, the schools were open to their children. The courts would compel the board to admit them. The matter is now happily settled, and it will be much better for all parties. There was only a certain set of the colored people who were demanding admission, and those would be leaders, could not speak for others. If there is any fault to be found it is in the law itself which was a political clapnet measure gotten up by a Republican as stock in trade for a campaign, and carried through by the votes of both parties. The Democrats voting for the measure ostensibly to go on the record with their Republican brothers, as being in accord on the question, but in reality to "take the wind out of the Republican sails." There was no necessity for the repeal of the section of the act of 1854 which established colored schools because where there were not enough colored children to organize a school of their own, they were admitted to the public schools, but demagogues and political bosses thought otherwise. The Board of Directors are to be commended for the wisdom and calmness with which they discussed the matter and brought it to a satisfactory conclusion.

—Co. B., 5th Regt., Captain Amos Mullen, gave a very creditable drill on the fair ground on Saturday afternoon. Our home company ranks among the highest in the National Guard of the State, and under the careful instruction of Captain Mullen, will rank first in the Brigade. The marching, drilling and firing was a splendid sight from the hill side, and was witnessed by hundreds of people. The firing by file represented a miniature battle and attracted the attention of the old veterans of the late war who were picnicking on the grounds. The inevitable small boy was present numerous and enjoyed the sport, a regular little army of them following the company in its evolutions.

—Mr. H. Sechler is having his store-room re-modeled. A box office has been placed near the front entrance, accessible from the meat market and grocery, new shelving is being put in and other improvements being made, which when completed will give the place a neater appearance. Hammond is always up with the times.

—Centre Hall is a borough now, all she wants is a "borough debt" and her people will be happy. We nominate Hon. Fred Kurtz, of the Reporter, for Chief Burgess. Now Freddie don't decline.

Personal.

James A. McClain made a flying trip to Altoona last week.

Mr. John Fox, of Renovo, is visiting relatives in Bellefonte.

Miss Jennie Seltzer, of Lock Haven, is visiting at the residence of Emanuel Brown, on Bishop street.

Mr. Robt. Hudson, one of Phillipsburg's jolly Veterans, attended the reunion in this place, on Saturday last.

Arthur Pearson and family on Monday morning started for Toronto, Canada, where they will visit during the next three weeks.

Mrs. S. T. Shugert, accompanied by her grand-daughter, Miss Katie Shugert, departed for Harrisburg Monday to attend that city's centennial celebration.

Mr. James Murphy of Renovo, who is interested in Valentine's Store Co., spent Wednesday of last week in town. Mr. Murphy is one of Renovo's most solid business men, and besides being a gentleman in every respect, is a Democrat of the old family.

The School Board and the Colored Children.

The undersigned desire, to correct the errors which the Watchman of last Friday has made, in reference to the admission of the colored children into the Public Schools. Complaint is made that the Board has not seen fit to furnish the town papers, for publication, the minutes of its proceedings in this matter. The truth is, there was no action taken by the board. They had none to take. All the minutes show, and they show exactly what was done, is "that a committee of colored citizens consisting of Wm. Mills, Charles Garner, Jackson McDonald and Rev. J. J. Norris came before the board and complained that the colored children did not enjoy equal facilities for receiving instruction with the white children."

The board anxious as they were to keep up the colored school, had nothing to do but submit. Mr. Norris, in his remarks, said in substance "if their children were not admitted to the schools in the Public School building they would have to appeal to the law."

The Act of Assembly entitled a "further supplement to the school laws of this Commonwealth and to abolish all distinction of race or color in the public schools thereof and approved June 8, 1881," first section, provides "That hereafter, it shall be unlawful for any school director, superintendent or teacher to make any distinction whatever, on account of, or by reason of the race or color of any pupil or scholar who may be in attendance upon, or seek admission to, any public or common school, maintained wholly or in part under the school laws of this Commonwealth." The section of the act repeals the 24th section of the act of May 8th, 1854, which provided for separate colored schools.

Since the passage of the act of 1881 in some boroughs in this State where a separate school for colored children was maintained, the directors refused to admit the colored children into the other public schools. The colored people appealed to the courts and under this law the board was compelled by a mandamus to admit the colored children to the schools.

The committee of colored citizens made no demand that a few of their advanced scholars should be admitted to our higher graded schools.

With the law before the board there was only one thing it can do, if the colored people asked that their children, as they did, shall be admitted to the schools in the public building, and that was to admit them. Ever since the passage of the act of 1881 our colored citizens have been anxious to send their children to the schools with the white children. The board in order to keep them from so doing, gave them the very best teachers that could be secured for the place, employing in one or two instances graduates of Oberlin College. In order that such men might be employed the salary of the teacher was raised.

Owing to the crowded condition of the schools, the Board, in common with every other citizen, regrets the course taken by our colored people. They have the best located, lighted and ventilated school room in town, and it is supplied with the same maps and apparatus that are in the other public schools. Mr. Hoffer, Mr. Harris and Mr. Long were not at the meeting.

D. F. FORTNEY, J. W. MOORE, JOHN L. OLEWINE, H. B. PONTIUS, ISAAC THOMAS, W. B. RANKIN.

The School Question.

BELLEFONTE, SEPT. 12, 1885.

The undersigned committees desire to set the citizens of this borough right in regard to our appeal to the Bellefonte school board, whereas it seems that they have misunderstood our design in asking that our children have the same advantages in school rights with other children of the borough. In the first place, we did not ask or make any demands that our children be placed in the public school with white children. Neither was it the design of Rev. J. J. Norris in his remarks, nor the committee in full, but on account of the number of pupils in our school we claim that one teacher cannot do justice to all the pupils having the studies required, whereas we have 43 actual scholars. Another reason why we made the appeal is that many of the studies that are being taught in the other schools of this borough have not been taught in the school on the hill. We do not want to force our children into the public schools with the white children, although the law of Pennsylvania knows no colored school; but we do ask and demand that our children be taught all the studies that are taught in the public schools of this borough, and each scholar have the proper attention that he should have. There were times last winter that the younger scholars of our school did not have the attention that they should have had on account of the teacher, though an excellent one not having the time to do justice to them all.

Now we desire that our children who are competent of being advanced to the higher branches of public school studies be advanced. This is all we ask or desire.

In reply to a question or two asked by the Watchman, we believe that the colored citizens are entitled to all rights that the white citizens have under the laws of Pennsylvania, and once in a while one of them pays a little school tax.

CHAR. GARNER, J. MACDONNE, J. J. NORRIS, W. MILLS, Committee.

AT THE CAVE.—On Thursday, August 27, a party of Unionville ladies and gentlemen, namely; Miss Tompson, Hoover, and the two Miss Rumbergers, Messrs. Barton, Bruggar, Griest, and Lucas, started at six o'clock a. m. to explore the Penn Cave, which is twenty-one miles from their homes. The party arrived at the cave 10:20 a. m., and after taking refreshments which consisted of cakes, pies, chicken, turkey, mutton, and various other things, (a little fun thrown in). The party proceeded to descend the hill and steps, which leads down to the cave. The immense rock has formed an arch way, which is 1/2 mile long, 6 to 40 feet wide and 40 feet high. The water is from 12 to 17 feet deep and very cold. When about 1/2 way in the cave there is what is known as the Dry Cave which is 150 feet long. When passing through the cave the party saw many wonderful things of interest. The water dripping down over the rocks, has worn them into many curious shapes, apparently looking like statues of men and beasts. Rocks projecting from the sides, which are of the most beautiful color. Coming out of the cave when you first get the peep of day, you can see the people standing at the mouth of the cave waiting their turn, with the hill behind them covered with fern on one side and small trees on the other, presents the most beautiful sight to the eye of an artist. The party started for home about the middle of the afternoon and arrived in Bellefonte in time to get supper, horses fed, and return home by 9 o'clock p. m. ELLINGORA.

—On last Thursday night between ten and eleven o'clock, while Mr. Geo. Test in company with his sister Miss Virgie, was driving home from town, and as they were passing along the road lying between the old Beech Creek station and the T. & C. R. E. track, some unknown miscreant sprang from behind the bushes and fired full in their faces, the ball passing through the folds of Miss Virgie's shawl across her breast. The fright shocked the lady so that she fell from the seat to the bottom of the wagon, and Mr. Test supposed she was killed. The shot also alarmed the horses, and they dashed away at full speed, and Mr. Test was unable to check them until they had run nearly home. Fortunately Miss Test was not injured. Accompanied by his brother Charlie, Mr. Test returned on the spot and by the light of a lantern, could see where the villain had stood when he fired the shot. An endeavor was made to follow the trail but it was fruitless. The night was pitch dark, and the would-be assassin was not seen by Mr. Test as he fired the shot.—Ledger.

—Largest line of men's hats—Garman's.

—Rev. W. L. Stahl, for four years presiding elder of the U. B. church, and for six years a resident of Port Matilda, departs this week for Anville, Lebanon county, to take charge of the financial affairs of the Lebanon Valley College. We are very sorry to know that Mr. Stahl is leaving the county, but hope it may be better for him financially as we are sure it will be for the good of the College. Mr. Stahl has made hosts of friends during his pastorate in this county and their good wishes will follow him to his new home.

—District Attorney Heinle appointed Capt. Amos Mullen County Detective, vice Nelson A. Lucas resigned, and the appointment was confirmed by Judges Furst and Smith. We understood that the appointment had been tendered Col. Geo. A. Bayard, but he declined it. We suppose some people will be so inquisitive as to want to know why Mr. Heinle didn't appoint some good Democrat? Of course the Watchman will "kick" and "squeal" as it did when Pattison appointed Higbee.

—One dollar dress cloth for 75c.—Garman's.

—We regret to announce the death of Bishop Wallace, youngest son of Senator Wallace, which occurred some time on Sunday. In another column we gave a notice of his injury but hoped that it would not prove fatal. A Telephone message from Treasurer Smith, who is at Houtzdale, to Mr. Rumberger announced the young man's death.

—All the new styles in men's hats—Garman's.

—S. A. Stover of the marble works, although still unable to do any work himself, on account of his recent illness has regained health sufficient to wait on customers, and attend to the business part of his trade in general, and invites all who desire anything in his line to call and leave their orders which will be promptly filled by competent workmen under Mr. Stover's own supervision.

—Brother Kepler, of the Forest Democrat, must have been away from home last week by the looks of the "inards" of that paper.

—Embroidery materials—Garman's.