

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

—NOTICE.—Our patrons who are in arrears for subscription are requested to pay up before the 1st of January 1886, after that date all papers not paid for in advance or satisfactory arrangements made for the payment of the same, within three months, \$2, will be charged. No paper will be sent out of the county after January 1st, 1886, unless paid for in advance. It will be to your interest to note this change.

—Curtain poles.—Garman's. —November 26th, is Thanksgiving day.

—Bring in your books and have them bound.

—District Atty. Heinle visited Phillipsburg this week.

—Mr. T. M. Hamilton is going to Florida for the winter.

—It cost the county for holding the November election \$804.60.

—Country produce is abundant, fine in quality, and cheap in price.

—We are ready for a hog story, don't let the weight be too pigish however.

—Ice froze one half inch thick in some parts of Cumberland county, last week.

—The B. & O. Telegraph Company, are laying underground cables in Harrisburg.

—John Cooke is about opening a coal and lumber yard on the flat near Reynolds' Mill.

—The wheat is looking very promising, and if the winter is not too severe, a good harvest may be expected in 1886.

—H. K. Hicks & Bro. have again changed their large advertisement. Read it and see the inducements offered.

—The Huntington Car works are to be sold for \$20,000, one of the conditions being that they shall be operated in that city.

—Col. D. S. Keller, who has been seriously ill with billious fever for some time, is, we are happy to say, on the way to recovery.

—O. P. Jones, Esq., the gentlemanly cashier of the Moshannon Bank, of Phillipsburg, was a visitor to Bellefonte on Monday last.

—Now is the time to get your magazines periodicals books etc, bound. Call at the DEMOCRAT Bindery, and leave your work.

—George Eckley has been appointed Eastmaster at Pine Grove Mills, and Elizabeth Hipple at Pine Glen, both good appointments.

—Williamsport was delighted with Miss Annie Fixley, one night this week. When we get our \$35,000 opera block, and opera house, we'll give Annie a call.

—The local editor of the DEMOCRAT is out in the coal metropolis this week looking after his coal mines. Take good care of the boy ye scribes and paraphrases of the Ledger and Journal.

—The freight and passenger business on the Lemont and Penna Valley railroad is increasing all the time. Freight can be had one day earlier by that route than by either of the other two.

—Harned Jacob's & Co., have sold their coal lands in Clearfield county to Herwind White & Co., the price is said to be \$290,000. Mr. Whitehead has been instrumental in negotiating the sale.

—Freddie Kurtz wants to run Judge Orvis against General Beaver, for Governor. Not by 45,000 you don't Freddie. If you want to smother somebody, let it be the man who pulled down the temple.

—Lock Haven is anxious to have the luxury of a superannated organization, known as a Board of Trade, Bellefonte would sell her Board, Trade and all cheap. There is nothing in it but a name, and what's a name.

—The Lock Haven Democrat celebrated its second birthday on last Friday. The Democrat is one of the best dailies in the central part of the state, and bids fair to grow more popular each year. It is ably edited and therefore a newsworthy sheet.

—Look over your paper before purchasing goods. The house that advertises, patronizes the news papers, and looks after its business, can always be trusted. Don't buy from a man who is too mean to let the printer live, he will cheat you sure as fate.

—Will Spear who has been employed in the Western Union Telegraph office in this place, as messenger boy, has accepted a position as breakman or news agent on a passenger train, running from Pittsburg to Youngstown Ohio. The next thing we may hear of, is Will as a conductor.

New neck ware and hats for men—Garman's.

—Piano for sale, inquire at this office. Price \$125.

—People from all parts of county, flocked to the Moody meetings.

—Work has been resumed at Roach's ship yard, and now 300 men are given employment.

—Chicago has had a big snow already while Texas, Georgia and a few other southern states have had a disastrous tornado in which a number of people were killed.

—The story of a child having been eaten by a panther, is a myth. Bedford county panthers are hungry no doubt but they don't feast off children. Give the panther story a rest.

—Ten manufacturing establishments in Columbia, Lancaster county, pay out \$88,800 per month, for labor. Over \$1,200,000 is paid out each year in that live wide awake borough for labor, and most of it is doubtless spent in that town.

—The Danville Nail Manufacturing Company, increased its capital stock \$200,000 at its last meeting. The company's trade is not confined to the United States, but they are exporting nails to South America and Australia.

—Mr. Wm. P. Fisher, of Unionville, says that he has already made more cider this year than had ever before been made in Union township in one year. His best day panned out one thousand six hundred and seventy-three gallons.

—A new swindle is being perpetrated upon the people by a New York firm, as follows: They desire to introduce a new make of organs, and will send one free, providing you send them \$4, to pay freight. This done, you receive a small mouth organ.

—The skating rink has ceased to be one of the institutions of the town. Mr. Ardell is now the owner, and it is to be used as a store house for lumber. Bellefonte is without an opera house or skating rink. Bah, thousands of dollars in the banks, and not enough enterprise to have an opera house.

—A freight wreck on the Bald Eagle near Martha on Saturday last, caused by an axle breaking, derailing thirteen cars, delayed the train from Tyrone until 1 o'clock p. m. It took wrecking crews ten hours to clear away the debris. The cars were all torn to pieces and the remains were burned along side of the track.

—W. I. Fleming, the merchant tailor has associated with him in the business a Mr. Tompson, one of Williamsport's popular businessmen, and they are now refitting the room in Humes' Block next door to the Post-office, formerly occupied by Doll's shoe store. They will open up with a full line of gents furnishing goods, hats, caps, etc.

—Heart disease is supposed to be purely a nervous disease, and yet intelligent physicians admit that about half the fatal cases of heart disease result from long-continued abuse of the stomach and digestive organs, by liquor and tobacco, which weakens and destroys the nervous system and produce over-excitement, causing death. Vinegar Bitters is a sure corrective of such disorders.

—Hundreds of tons of iron ore are being shipped from Bellefonte to be manufactured into iron that should be manufactured at home. It makes a fellow feel like saying "cuss words", every time he looks out the window and sees a wagon load of Centre county iron ore going by. But what are we going to do about it, editors can't build iron works, except on paper, and that don't count.

—Stewart Rodgers the renowned reciter and impersonator will give one of his popular entertainments in Humes Hall on Saturday evening Nov. 21st. Mr. Rodgers is without doubt one of the finest personators of character on the rostrum. He can make you laugh or cry at his pleasure. His facial expressions are wonderful, and he never fails to highly please his audience. Don't forget the date of his appearance. "Niniche," the comedy presented at Music Hall by Milliken's Operatic Comedy Company on the 2d inst. is full of fun, sparkling humor and ridiculously amusing situations, and the acting was noticeably good throughout. The audience expressed a good deal of satisfaction at the excellent performance.—Portsmouth Chronicle, Sept. 3. Don't fail to see the above company next Wednesday evening, 18th inst. They play in Humes' Hall.

—Congressman Holman, as chairman of the Indian committee, it is said intends to recommend the abolition of the Indian schools at Hampton and Carlisle. The reason given is that he believes that the Indians who are educated at these schools are fated to become "blanket Indians" on their return to their tribes because they are ridiculed by their friends and relatives. He proposes as a substitute schools on the reservations where all can see and appreciate the benefits of the schools.

—The blanks for the assessment under the new tax law passed last year have been stored in the commissioner's office for some time. They are a very formidable pile of papers and at first glance the indignant tax payer would say there is a job for the printer in that thing. Each individual tax payer of the county will be handed one of these blanks, which he will fill out and hand to the assessor. The assessor has power to administer an oath to the tax payer. A list of all personal property taxable under the law must be made out by the tax payer within ten days, or the assessor will estimate his taxable personal property. The amount of money at interest on mortgages, judgments, agreements, etc. must be stated. This blank will be compared with the record in the recorder's and the prothonotary's offices. The assessor will have to make two trips to each taxable, and it looks as though it will cost as much to put the law in operation, taking into account the blanks, etc., as the tax will amount to. The law is very cumbersome, and is already meeting with opposition. Its constitutionality will be tested in the courts, as in some counties the question has already been raised.

—Mr. McClain desires us to say, that the publication of the names of persons applying for marriage licenses, is entirely without his consent and approval. He was not consulted in the matter at all. We heartily approve of Mr. McClain's position. As a matter of record his books are open to the inspection of those interested, as a matter of curiosity they are open to nobody. The fact that persons contemplating marriage must get a license, does not make the application public property. As a matter of news it is nobody's business. Hereafter any publication of marriage licenses granted, must be attributed to the impudence of the publishers. Register McClain will not allow his license docket to be inspected for curiosity or publication.

—The project of purchasing a building, or building one for the Y. M. C. A. should not be allowed to sleep. The work that is being done for young men all over the world by that association is one that should commend itself to all. Enough money has been already subscribed to put the project beyond failure. Without doubt every young man in this town could afford to give ten dollars in the next year, and not miss it. The benefits of the library and reading room alone, are worth fifty dollars a year, to any one who will take advantage of them.

—Mr. Samuel Osmond the supreme organizer in the improved order of Heptasophs, organized a convalescence in Bellefonte on last Friday evening with a list of twenty chartered applicants. This is the first convalescence of the Improved Order of Heptasophs organized in our town, and it promises to become a very strong one. The good points in this order are many. It is the cheapest way of carrying an insurance of from one to five thousand dollars. The order is growing rapidly in this state, and Mr. Osmond has all he can do in the way of organizing.

—We often hear fellows sail into the Christian religion and demolish it by a few sturdy blows, but until a fellow offers something better, christianity will continue to grow and flourish. There is no use in getting riled over the silly talk of the infidel. When you ask him for something better, more simple, and pure in its doctrine, he will shut up. Christianity can withstand the assaults of open enemies, it is the insidious wiles of the wolves in sheep's clothing, that are to be feared.

MILLIKEN'S OPERATIC COMEDY CO.—Lucette in "Niniche" was inimitable and displayed a fine soprano and what is more to the point, a good method. The company has no superior on these boards—hardly an equal, and we hope that they may come again, at no distant day.—Portsmouth Post, Sept. 3. The above company appears in Humes' Hall, this place, on next Wednesday evening, November 18.

—The Mann axe factories will soon resume work. Mr. J. F. Mann has associated with himself in the business Mr. Archibald Allison of Potters Bank. We understand the works will be considerably enlarged. The Mann axe factory has not been idle until the past year, for over fifty years. We are glad to see this old established institution resume work at the old stand.

—The Democrat office returns thanks to Mr. E. Whitehill, of Cherry street, for the gift of a demijohn of excellent cider.—Clearfield Democrat.

—Just think of a Clearfield editor drinking cider. "Too thin," both the story and the drink.

—Maj. John A. Wolfe, of Phillipsburg was in town yesterday, buying a ear load of flour.

—Hosiery and under ware.—Garman's.

—Mr. Christian Dale, an aged citizen of Oak Hall, this county, whose death occurred at 12:30 a. m. on Friday November 6th, of general debility, was a son of Henry Dale Sr. one of the first settlers of that part of the county. He was the father of eleven children, nine boys and two girls, all of who are living excepting one boy, who was killed in the late war. About five weeks ago, Mr. Dale was picking apples, when the ladder upon which he was standing, slipped and he was thrown to the ground, breaking his leg in the fall. The broken member however, was healing and Mr. Dale gave promise of recovery, but later on his strength began to fail, and he grew weaker from day to day, until death claimed him. His last words were "I die on Thursday the day my wife died, eleven years ago." He retained his intellectual faculties until the last, and fully realized that his time had come. He was a member of the Lutheran church, having connected himself with the same when a young man. Mr. Dale was born the 20th day of December 1806, and has resided at Oak Hall ever since. The old homestead has passed through the hands of the Dale family until now it is in the hands of the fourth generation. Up to the time of the accident which befell him, he was as hale and hearty as a man of thirty, and was a familiar figure to many in the county. The remains were interred in the Lutheran cemetery, at Boalsburg at ten o'clock, on Monday, services by Rev. Sahn.

—Wherein is Mr. Moody's power? We have often heard the question asked by those who have listened to him. All agree that he is no orator, that he is neither polished nor eloquent. Yet there is a force in the man possessed by few men of this century. Luther, Whitfield, Wesley and other great preachers were celebrated for their oratorical powers. Mr. Moody's articulation at times is very poor, again entirely indistinct. As an orator he would not rank with our own ministers. Yet few hear him who do not feel that no ordinary man is speaking. He is earnest, positive, and sincere in his utterances. He has no fine, hair splitting theological doctrines to advance. He tells his story in the simplest and homeliest Anglo-Saxon. His illustrations carry conviction with them. His faith in what he teaches is unbounded. To analyze or dissect the man and determine wherein his great power lies is not our province; certain it is that he is a power, a power for good.

Not the least of his mysteries is this plain matter of fact man Moody. His meetings have been attended by almost the entire population of our town. Tuesday night the Presbyterian church was crowded with an audience of between nine hundred and a thousand men. The most sceptical man in the audience could not but acknowledge the wonderful powers exerted by the speaker.

—The following has been received by R. C. Irvin, of the G. A. R., and explains itself.

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Yours Truly, E. S. HARRAR, Agent.

—Mr. Ellis, the father of the Ellis Family of Bell Ringers, has been lying seriously ill with typhoid fever at Geary's Hotel in Unionville ever since they gave an entertainment at that place nearly two weeks ago. His wife attended him during that time, and on Saturday last his daughters arrived to remain with him over Sunday. We are glad to report that he is now convalescing.

—Samuel Brugger, Esq., of Unionville, still wears the belt as Champion Pumpkin Raiser, he has a sweet pumpkin known as the "Mammoth Fat Iron" variety, that tips the scales at 138 lbs. The largest one at the State fair this year weighed 128 lbs. Mr. Brugger's pumpkin "sees it and goes 10 lbs. better."

—The forenoon train from Lewisburg, was filled with passengers on Monday and Tuesday, many came from towns along the way to attend the Christian Convention held in the Presbyterian church in this place, and conducted by the world renowned evangelist Moody.

—IN MEMORIAM.—The following preamble and resolutions, were adopted unanimously at the regular meeting of Gregg Post, held Saturday evening Nov. 7th inst., P. M.:

WHEREAS, it has pleased God in his benign Providence to call our lamented comrade-in-arms, Major General George B. McClellan to join His armies above.

Resolved, that we surviving soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic, yet on our earthly march, unite with all soldiers of this Republic, who served in the army of the Potomac, and in other commands and other wars, and with citizens of this reunited land, in lamenting the great loss to our order and to the nation of so distinguished a citizen and so worthy a comrade as the late commander of the army of the Potomac, General George Brinton McClellan, and be it again.

Resolved, that the successor to Lieut. General Winfield Scott, the organizer of the greatest army probably the world has ever seen; the strategist tactician and engineer of the Peninsular Campaign; the victor of such battles as Malvern Hill, Fair Oaks, South Mountain, and Antietam, needs no bugleman to sound his fame, and,

Resolved, that in our love and admiration of this man who commanded great armies successfully, we remember best the soldier and the comrade, further

Resolved, that under the pseudonym of "Little Mac" we are reminded often of the one who of all the Commanders in the late war was most beloved by his soldiers, and finally,

Resolved, that we comrades of Gregg Post 95, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R. join our bond of sympathy, in this bereavement, so sudden and so entirely untimely, with that of Abraham Lincoln, Post of 23, of the order of the G. A. R. in New York city, of which the deceased comrade was a member and that we ever, henceforth mourn his loss.

Comrades! ROLAND C. IRVIN, JAMES H. RANKIN, JNO. I. CURTIN.

—The following from the Indianapolis School Journal comes from the fact that twenty graduates of the Boston Grammar School, were examined for the position of general Secretary, and none were found able to stand the examination. "Boys and girls of former generations whose entire schooling was comprised in half a dozen three months terms, learned to spell and write and cipher" with an ease and accuracy which many children do not now attain after a ten years course in the schools. Under the old system the pupils did not listen to so much instruction in geology, botany, physics, astronomy, nor did they devote much attention to music, drawing, German and French, all of which are dinned into the ears of even babies now; but what they did learn was of immediate use and an excellent ground-work for the practical education which must come later in life."

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—CONFESSION MANY CRIMES.—William Curran, an old man who is serving a three months' term for setting fire to the mountain in Gumble township, Lycoming county, last June, has confessed to Sheriff Sprague a murder done twenty years ago, in Centre county. Curran was when the physicians told him he was likely to die any moment, that he unfolded his story. His confession, made in jail, is as follows:

"I was born in a small hamlet near the city of Cork eighty-one years ago. In my youth I received a fair education my parents being engaged in the industry of cotton bleaching. Upon my father's death I spent what money was left me in gambling and drinking and got into any number of scrapes, but was never arrested. I joined the Fenians and was the leader of a number of men during the insurrection which was started by William Smith O'Brien. My boon companion was a young man named Pat Martin, and this acquaintanceship caused my ruin. Martin and I got into a scrape and that, together with our connection with the Young Ireland party, compelled us to flee the country. We left Cork in disguise and came to America. After knocking about New York for some time, we came to Pennsylvania and procured employment in the coal mines. We joined the Mollie Maguire and were leaders in all conclaves.

"Tiring of this we left the coal regions and tramped to Howard, Centre county, where we heard there was a band of counterfeiters. We had learned the art of counterfeiting in the old country and determined to join this band and grow wealthy. At Howard a coldness sprang up between Martin and I, on account of a girl whom we were both paying attention to. We had buried our money in an old barn on the outskirts of the town, and one night, in the early part of 1863, we went there to divide the spoils. Martin was very ugly and we quarreled. He hit me and then we came to Newa. He threatened to blow me, and for my protection I drew my knife from my pocket and killed him. Feeling that my crime would be discovered, I dug a hole in the corner of the barn and buried the body. I covered the spot with a bundle of rye straw and set it on fire. As soon as the barn was ablaze I made my escape and came to Williamsport and have never seen the place where I committed the crime since. This is my secret, which I have kept for the last twenty-two years, and I feel as if I can't die until I confess."

When Curran had finished this ghastly confession he was greatly exhausted. When visited by the Sheriff this morning he said that if he felt strong enough this afternoon he would tell him about his other crimes in the county, and he mentioned the names of a number of people who had been implicated with him. If Curran lives to make the last statement a number of the dark crimes of this county which have remained mysteries will be cleared up and his accomplices, if living, will be punished.

LATER.

Pat Curran, the 81 year old self-confessed murderer, died at the county jail at three o'clock yesterday afternoon. From Saturday night he lay in a comatose state and died quietly without making any further statement. His remains will be buried at the expense of the county.—Sun & Banner.

—Milliken's Operatic Comedy Company, will be in Bellefonte Nov. 18th, to render a musical comedy. This Company has with them Madeline Lucette, the original Patience of America, in Gilbert & Sullivan's Operetta of the same name. Col. Milliken has kindly renewed the engagement (18th inst.) which was canceled when he learned that Mr. Moody had chosen that date for this place. Performance in Humes' Hall.

—Men's finest quality linen collars, even and other brands 18cts, 2 for 35cts —Garman's. 45-3-1

A citizen of Huntingdon county reports to us that a lady of a certain township in that county was, not long ago, beaten and abused by her father and brother; then sent to an insane asylum, where she died, and on Tuesday (election day) her body was sent home for burial, packed with shavings, in a rough, board coffin. Can such inhumanity be possible?—Tyone Herald

—The Milliken Opera Company will appear in Bellefonte on the 18th inst, for the benefit of Gregg Post No. 95. The Company is first class. The prima donna Lucette, supported Henry Irvin when he was making a tour of the country. Chas. F. Long the tenor has been engaged with the North Broad street stock company, when the stock companies existed. We are fortunate, in getting this troupe.

—The hotel erected by Mr. Isaac Armstrong at Lemont, will be opened the latter part of this week or the beginning of next.