

Rolling pins.—Garman's. —We are indebted to Hon. Jno. A. Woodward for a volume of the pamphlet laws for 1885.

—The novelty display in T. A. Lewis' grocery store window during the holiday's will exceed anything of the kind ever exhibited in Centre county.

—On last Friday a natural gas explosion occurred at Pittsburg which resulted in great damage to property wrecking three houses and fatally injuring a young girl and an elderly lady.

—Rev. John R. Robinson was ordained to the priesthood on last Thursday by Bishop Rulison assisted by Rev. Knight, D. D., of Lancaster, Rev. Black D. D., of Renovo, Rev. Hopkins, D. D., of Williamsport and Rev. Clair, D. D., of Phillipsburg the exercises on Wednesday evening Thursday and Thursday evening were very impressive.

—The local institute at Howard on Friday and Saturday last was well attended, and was quite a successful gathering in every respect we are told.

—From the weeping and wailing that comes from the Daily News of Monday last, one would suppose that brother Bailey did not gnash his teeth on any of the good things at the Lutheran festival.

—A small farm containing 45 acres, situated in College township, Centre county, Pa., bordering on Spring Creek near the Houserville woolen factory, with a two story frame house and a small bank barn and other out buildings, and small orchard of good bearing trees.

—At a regular meeting of the School Board of this borough on Tuesday evening the following minutes in reference to the death of Mr. John Hoffer was adopted: It with profound grief and sorrow that the Board has heard of the death of John Hoffer so lately in our midst, in the enjoyment of health, exercising the rights and performing the duties of his office.

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Personal.

Mr. Fred McLaughlin, of Lewisburg, was in town this week.

Ex-Sheriff Dunkle spent several days in Lock Haven last week.

Dr. E. L. Miller of Unionville, was in Bellefonte on Saturday on business.

Mr. Robert Cole spent Sunday and Monday in Williamsport, returning on the 5 p. m. train on Monday.

J. C. Rumberger the express and ticket agent, from Unionville was among our callers on Tuesday.

Mr. Samuel Brugger one of Unionville representative citizens was a caller at the Democrat office on Tuesday.

F. X. Lehman formerly of this place, but now proprietor of one of the Williamsport hotels, was in town the greater part of last week attending court.

Mr. Wm. Shortridge of the firm of McCalmont & Co. and Mr. L. L. Brown two of our most active Coal, Feed and Grain merchants, have been spending this week in Pittsburg.

The Daily News is considerably worried, because the parties who have the contract for filling and grading water street, haul the stone instead of quarrying them out of the hill along side of the street.

—To the editor of the DEMOCRAT. Dear sir: I learn to-day by letters and papers from Bellefonte, that winter who "rules the varied years," has thrown his mantle of snow snugly around you, in Pennsylvania. Here, as yet "Autumn nodding o'er the yellow plain" "wags in beauty, like the right of cloudless climes and starry skies."

But the sun has lost his summer power, and, having traveled far to the south, looks to us now. "Like a pale myrter in his shirt of fire." We have had a long, bright fall. Frost there has been of course, but no "beautiful snow," no frozen mud, no fierce winds that crack your cheeks and crystallize your breath.

These come later crowding through every crevice, chilling every corner, and closing every door for days. Old settlers tell me there are times during the winter here when it is positively dangerous to venture farther than a few rods from one's house; so resolutely and resistlessly does Boras freighted with snow-flakes beat back one's breath, shut up his eyes and bear him to the ground.

It is woe indeed, then to those whom these "blizzards" as they are appropriately named, find without a plentiful supply of fuel. Happily for all they do not come frequently, nor last longer than two or three days at a time.

The period of their coming is confined to the months of January and February. When March comes the winter is over. In the latter part of February, or in the first part of March the farmers begin their spring plowing.

In fact I am told that some years plowing may be done every month in the year. But everybody provides against the worst whether it comes or not. One means used here of keeping the cold out of cellars, I have never seen adopted in the east.

On the north and west sides of most frame houses the earth is banked up against their foundations to the heights of two, three, or four feet, in cellars where there are no furnaces or steam pipes this is a necessity to keep out frost, keep the floors warm and prevent provisions from freezing.

The earth is taken away again in the spring when the sun, with "one vast substantial smile," looks with favor upon the scene, "loosens the bands of Orion" and opens the earth for the labor of the husbandman. I took a horse back ride into the country this afternoon, and in my journey, saw one man plowing, and many others husking corn in the open field.

Very truly, JOHN HEWITT. Fremont, Neb.

MISTLETOE FOR KISSING PURPOSES.—No English lady considers her home decorations for Christmas complete, until a sprig of Mistletoe, no matter how small, is hung over one of the doors on the inside of the house. Upon this day, "if a gentleman discovers a lady standing under the Mistletoe, he has a right to kiss her."

It is this ancient and honored custom, becomes as popular in America as it has been for centuries in Europe, it will be largely due to the Emporia (Fla.) Gazette which, by the way, is published in Volusia County, Florida, which is famous for its Summery Winters and Orange Groves; for this journal has prepared packages of Mistletoe (a parasite and a native of Florida) which it will send to any address upon receipt of five 2 cent stamps to cover postage, &c.

The Gazette has published a "Florida Catechism," that gives full and accurate information upon all subjects of interest to tourists or settlers, which it will mail, to any applicant, with a sample copy of its paper, upon receipt of two 2 cent stamps.

By resolution of Post 419, G. A. R., the Post will attend preaching on Dec. 13 as a body and in uniform in Storrtown M. E. Church. The pastor, Rev. W. R. Whitney, who is also Chaplain of the Post will preach suitable to the occasion. All soldiers and Sons of Veterans are invited to meet with us at 10 A. M. in G. A. R. Hall. Preaching at 10:30 A. M. Everybody invited.

For groceries, go to Harry Teats. Holiday slippers of the most handsome designs, and in endless variety. Ladies and Misses, fine shoes rubbers, etc. The finest assortment of gents' walking and dress shoes, over shoes, boots, etc. at A. C. MINGLE'S. Rolling pins.—Garman's. Pushes, satins and elvets.—Garman's.

Don't forget to examine the beautiful neck wear and stylish hats in W. I. Fleming & Co's window, and the specimen binding from the DEMOCRAT Bindery. Shoes made to order in best style, and at reasonable prices at Mingles shoe store. Make your home cheerful by purchasing a sweet singing canary, and a beautiful bird cage, at Zellers & Son. Don't fail to get our prices before purchasing your holiday goods elsewhere. T. A. LEWIS.

Certain poles.—Garman's. I desire to acquaint the public with facts that will prove beneficial to all who note them. I can, do, and will sell all kinds of furniture, at better bargains than can be had any place in the central part of the state. My stock is large and select, cane seated wood, en, and perforated seated chairs, tables, cupboards, stands, sinks, sideboards, bedsteads, parlor and bedroom suits at prices to suit the times, also brussels and velvet lounges, easy and rocking chairs of all kinds, centre tables, extension tables and in fact a full and complete stock of furniture. If you are in need of any of the above mentioned articles or any other things in my line, and will call stating you saw this notice, I will give you a bargain never before offered by any other furniture dealer. R. B. SPANGLER.

Lace and linen collars.—Garman's. Clasps for dresses.—Garman's. Stamped splashes, ties, side-board covers, etc.—Garman's. For a broken-down constitution the first thing that an American resorts to is what is generally known as a "gentle alcoholic stimulant." The only really reliable "Bitters," known not to possess baneful component parts is Walke's Vinegar Bitters. It is the best remedy for impure blood, or for a torpid liver, ever yet discovered.

MARRIED. STEPHEN WILK.—Nov. 21, 1885, at the M. E. parsonage, Stormstown, Pa., by Rev. W. R. Whitney, Mr. D. P. Stephens, of Port Matilda, to Miss Alice Winn, of Buffalo Run.

DEATHS. CAMPBELL.—At her home in Ferguson township, near Pennsylvania Furnace, Mrs. James Campbell, aged 70 years.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.—Whereas there is a general opinion prevailing among the taxpayers throughout the county that a collector's warrant is good for two years, they have the same length of time in which to pay their taxes. Tax Collectors frequently complain to us that many persons make this a pretext for refusing to pay their taxes until they are actually forced to do so, and those being generally such as are best able to pay. We therefore submit for your information, the following Act of a assembly of April 15, 1881, in relation thereto: "Every collector shall, within ten months after receiving the certified duplicate, pay into the hands of the treasurer of the proper county or township, as the case may be, the whole amount of the taxes charged and assessed to such duplicate, except the cash on the Collector's, or Supervisors and Overseers, as the case may be, in their discretion, may reserve his funds, on pain of being a misdemeanor for and charged with the whole balance remaining so unpaid." You will readily see by the above Act that tax collectors are required to pay in the full amount of their duplicates within three months after the duplicate are placed in their hands.

JOHN WOLF, J. C. HENDERSON, Commissioners. A. J. GRIEST.

NOTICE TO Tax Collectors.—We hereby give notice that all Collectors of State and County Taxes for 1885 must positively present their claims for exoneration on their respective duplicates on or before the fourth Monday of January, 1886.

JOHN WOLF, J. C. HENDERSON, Commissioners. A. J. GRIEST.