

Advertisements, containing important news, social & from any part of the county. No communication except letters accompanied by the real name of the writer.

Local Department.

Two Toys and two Marks at Uncle Tom's Cabin tonight. Secure seats at Sourbeck's.

D. B. Fletcher, of near Howard, died at 5 o'clock on Sunday morning. The funeral occurred on Tuesday.

We notice Mr. Henry Beck of Madisonburg, pays our town frequent visits. Better come back to your old love, Henry.

In the red school house near Youcum's farm, a protracted meeting is in progress at which many of our town people are in attendance.

Forty-five Odd Fellows, representing Relief, Snow Shoe, and Mileburg, enjoyed an excellent supper at Anderson's restaurant last Thursday evening.

A. G. Archey has been appointed mercantile appraiser for the year 1887. Mr. Archey is a resident of Pine Grove Mill's and will fill his appointment acceptably.

The Keystone Gazette issued a special on Tuesday, giving an excellent account of the fire. The paper, of course, is in reduced size, but nevertheless answers the purpose.

The father of Hon. John A. Woodward, died at Williamsport last week. He was a highly respected gentleman and his death is sincerely regretted by all his acquaintances.

A special meeting of Gregg Post was held last night. The object of the meeting was the making of final arrangements for attending the inauguration of Gov-elect Beaver.

On Saturday afternoon construction train on the Tyrone division left the track near Lynn & McCoy's, and as a consequence express west was delayed. A number of the passengers walked to the station.

Fires are becoming quite numerous. On Saturday about noon George Hughes' house at Mann's axe factory, caught fire, and but for timely assistance would have been destroyed. Fortunately but little damage was done.

Bond Valentine's insurance agency is located in Humes' Block in the rooms formerly occupied by John I. Rankin. Mr. Valentine requests us to state that most of his records were burned, consequently policy holders had better look to their policies as he has no way of telling when they expire.

Mr. John Rankin having severed his connection with the First National Bank, an oyster supper was given in his honor last Saturday night, at which all the attaches of the bank were present. W. B. Rankin and Chas. Cook were honorary members. An enjoyable evening was spent.

A barn belonging to Harry Gates at Julian, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday night. The contents including hay, grain harness, etc., were destroyed. No livestock was in the building. This is the second time within the past year Mr. Gates' barn was destroyed by fire, and both fires are supposed to be of incendiary origin.

The Bush estate has been singularly unfortunate in the past few months, through losses by fire. In the last fire their loss is very large. We hope that the arcade may be re-built by the estate as it would have been were Col. Bush living. It was a monument to his enterprise and public spirit and should be re-built and re-christened Bush's Arcade.

A. M. Hoover has purchased the interest of Harry Bush in the Logan machine shops and foundry. The firm is Buck & Hoover, and the probabilities are that there will be a large increase in the manufacturing capacity of the works. Under the careful management of Mr. Buck this establishment has prospered wonderfully and their business is already too large for their plant.

The bright smiles that William Jones, the retiring tax collector, has been wearing for the last few days, is not so much because he is going to Harrisburg to act as a guard of honor to Gov.-elect Beaver, but that on last Sunday another little boy arrived to make home merry. He is now soliciting an appropriate name, whereby he can be distinguished from the many little ones of the same family. If it is our part, we would say name him Newton after all the bright lights.

Wallace Reeder whose age is about four years, son of W. F. Reeder living on Allegheny street, met with a painful accident while coasting on last Thursday evening, which might have proven fatal. He was coming down the hill from Linn street to Lamb, on a double sled, with his sled in his arms, when at the foot of the hill the sled ran into the sewer, one of the runners striking the little boy in the neck, cutting a deep gash. At first it was thought he would not recover, but at this time he is getting along nicely.

Abbey's Uncle Tom's Cabin at Hume's Hall to night.

Rev. Charles T. Steck is an excellent lecturer, and his hearers are always delighted. Especially was this the case when he lectured before a select and appreciative audience at Centre Hall. The people of that town would turn out en masse should he favor them with another.

On last Thursday the new locomotive and passenger car that is to be used on the Buffalo Run railroad, arrived, and in the afternoon some of the officials with a number of gentlemen from town, took a trip over the road which was enjoyed by all. It is the purpose of the managers to run a train from this place to the terminus of the road daily. This will be of great convenience to all.

Geo. P. Bible having retired from the position of local editor of the DEMOCRAT, Mr. Jacob A. Swavely has become his successor. Mr. Swavely has been doing the locals for the past month and we this week put his name at the head of our local page. He has entire charge of the business of the office and will wait on all callers. Send in your local news from the country districts.

That excellent paper the Centre Hall Reporter entered upon its 60th vol. last Wednesday. The Reporter is one of the solid papers of our county, and under the able management of its proprietor, Mr. Fred Kurtz, bids fair to gain in popularity yearly. The Reporter has done much for Centre Hall and we are glad to say the people of that borough appreciate its efforts.

The Williamsport Breakfast Table had its representative here on Monday taking account of our big fire. Mr. Geo. S. Lenhart, the editor arrived on the morning train, and during the day had the ruins photographed. Mr. Lenhart has but lately assumed the editorial harness of that journal, but his presence has already been felt. That he will raise the standard of the paper he represents, we have no doubt. He is pleasant, affable and courteous, just such a gentleman who cannot but succeed. He gave us a friendly call while here.

Gen. Beaver delivered his popular lecture entitled "From Ocean to Ocean and back to the Mountains," in Philipsburg one evening last week, to a large and intelligent audience. The people were very highly pleased with the information they received of our vast continent, and its many places of interest that the General visited while on this tour. The financial part of the lecture was a complete success and netted the ladies of the Presbyterian church of that place, the neat sum of \$75.

A grand musical convention will be held at Spring Mills, commencing Monday, January 24th, and closing Saturday evening, 29th. Two concerts will be given one on Friday evening 28th and one on Saturday evening. The convention and concerts will be under the direction of Prof. Bierly of New York, assisted by Miss Sallie Hoffer of Bellefonte. Miss Hoffer will preside at the organ. The public is cordially invited to attend. Boarding will be furnished to all desiring to be present by addressing C. A. Krape Spring Mills, Pa.

Kenneth Norman Minsker, only child of Gerard Minsker of east Curtin street died on Tuesday morning at half past 1 o'clock. The funeral took place yesterday at 2 p. m. He was a bright little child of less than two years of age and had been ill for some time, but his death was entirely unexpected by either parents or physician. Death silently steals into the home of rich and poor, into the house where only one baby face gladdens the hearts of parents as well as into the house where many childish voices are heard. He always leaves sorrowing hearts, yet Providence has some wise purpose in view, which is beyond human ken. In their bereavement the parents have the sympathy of the community and the knowledge that He who has said "suffer little children to come unto me" has gathered another pure soul to His breast.

W. V. Emery Esq., has resigned his position as Secretary and Treasurer, of the Bellefonte Iron and Nail Company but will be informed retain his interest in the business. Mr. Emery has a beautiful home in Williamsport and his family prefer living there to here, and his position as Secretary and Treasurer, requires his presence here most of the time. This of course makes it very unpleasant for both himself and family. Mr. Emery is a very pleasant gentleman and has made hosts of friends during his stay in town. We would like to have had him stay with us as there is nothing we so much need as new blood in our dilapidated veins, and Mr. Emery was new blood. He invested his money with us and took a lively interest in the Nail Works. None cherish but the kindest feelings for him, and the DEMOCRAT sincerely regrets his departure. Of course we said some severe things about him, but it was done in the heat of a political campaign and there was no personal feeling in the matter. Mr. Emery will be succeeded by L. T. Munson of the Glassworks, so smith rumor.

There is something mysterious about these Sunday morning fires that is worthy the attention of our police authorities. There can be no doubt but that they are the work of incendiary. It is painfully evident that our facilities for combating fire are entirely inadequate, and the council is certainly censurable for the condition in which the Undine Hose Company has been placed for the past two years. No excuse can be offered for the carriage of this company being housed in a barn. When called in to active service they respond promptly, and on Sunday morning were on the ground in time to have saved the Arcade had their hose not been frozen up so that it was useless until the fire had gained such headway as to be beyond their control. Another thing we lack is a hook and ladder truck. A chief of the fire department would be a very desirable thing as there is no one in authority to whom the firemen can look for orders. Some parts of our town are at the mercy of the flames because of elevation and always will be, unless we have an engine. There are some needed reforms in our borough administration and not the least among them is a reform in the fire department.

Mr. Frank McClain of Altoona, paid his many friends of Bellefonte a pop visit on Monday and took in the ruins of the Arcade fire. Mr. McClain was formerly associated with the late lamented D. G. Bush in the erection of some of the fine structures which beautify our town, viz. the Bush House and McClain's block, also the original planing mill property which gave place to the car works. In 1871 Mr. McClain sold out to Bush and moved to Altoona and engaged in the mercantile business for a few years from which he retired to erect the beautiful block, corner of 11th avenue and 14th street, which affords him a handsome income. He is also part owner of the Altoona Times, and a stock holder and director in one of Altoona's substantial banks. As a builder and contractor he is much sought after having built some of the most substantial buildings in the Mountain City. We are always glad to note the success of former Bellefonters, and would be glad to see Mr. McClain return to Bellefonte and assist with his progressive spirit to develop our many resources. This place affords abundant opportunities for such men.

On last Friday evening the regular monthly business meeting of the Young Mens Christian Association was held in their hall. The reception committee on this occasion prepared a sort of a feast consisting of hot coffee and delicious cake of several kinds. The way some of the young men put away the cake and coffee was evidence that it was superior in quality. The committee should be commended for their devotion in this work. After this desirable feature of the evening Mr. F. P. Green, the president of the Association called the meeting to order for the transaction of business. Reports from all the standing committees were heard and showed that the work of the Association is on a firmer basis than ever before. This year with the determination manifested by the christian young men promises to be a profitable year, both temporarily and spiritually.

The machine shops of Wm. P. Duncan & Co. now employ forty men and are run at their utmost capacity. Their business has increased so rapidly that they are about to abandon the manufacture of a number of articles of a miscellaneous nature and confine themselves to their specialties. The orders for the celebrated power hammer made by this firm have increased so rapidly that they were compelled to employ more men and they have large orders still ahead. These are facts worthy of note and are pointers as to the future prosperity and growth of our town. This firm is deserving of their great success and is of immense benefit to our town. They pay their men promptly and in cash, and their trade extends all over the United States and even into Europe.

The Centre Hall Reporter thus speaks of one of our new county officials: The new prothonotary, L. A. Schaeffer, took possession of his office on the 1st inst. Mr. Schaeffer needs no introduction, and all that the Reporter has said in his favor would repeat. He will be found capable, obliging and almost faultless in serving his term, preserving the spotless record of a gentleman, sustained by him previous to his election, the county can feel proud of securing so good a man.

Beyond any doubt whatever the Apollo Range sold by McFarlane is the best range in the market. The internal arrangements of this range are such as to concentrate all the heat in the oven so that baking is perfectly done with an ordinary fire. All who use it are delighted and cannot praise it too highly.

Memorial services on the death of the late General John A. Logan, will be held in Gregg Post room G. A. R. on Saturday evening next, January 15th commencing at 7 o'clock. The public is most cordially invited to be present.

BELLEFONTE'S BLAZE.

About \$90,000 Worth of Property Gone Up in Smoke.

The Bush Arcade Destroyed by Fire Sunday Morning—Nineteen Business Firms, Tenants, Etc., Burned Out—Other Fires.

Sunday morning was cold and bitter and when the shrill cry of "fire!" was given, very few felt like responding. Soon a general alarm was sounded and men went along the street crying themselves hoarse. Many arose and looked out of windows and as no light was visible, again retired. At about half-past four Mr. John Dawson, who occupied apartments in the Bush Arcade, was awakened by a choking sensation. His room was filled with smoke and the floor had already become heated. He and his family barely escaped with their lives. Flames and smoke were discovered issuing from the cellar of Valentines' stores. The front door was forced open and a small hose procured, but the hose was frozen and consequently of no use. The bell on the hose house was rung, but was not generally heard. Mr. John Wagner procured a heavy gun and fired it off, awakening a number of firemen in that way. However, it was not long before the Undine and Logan boys were upon the scene, but the flames gained rapidly and it was evident the building was doomed. Both companies worked hard and faithfully, but with their limited apparatus could do nothing to quell the flames. They then endeavored to save the adjoining buildings and by great effort succeeded. In the meantime the fire which originated in the cellar under Valentines' stores, communicated to the rooms above, and igniting the oil tanks and barrels, sent up a mass of flames and smoke that was appalling. The office of the Keystone Gazette on the second floor was next attacked, and everything including books, subscription list, and accounts, were destroyed. Messrs. Cassidy & Feidler suffer a total loss. Immediately above this office and in the same end of the building was Army Hall, occupied by the National Guard, and it was the next victim. The fire element raged so fiercely that it was utterly impossible to gain admittance to the building, and those who were in were lucky to escape. The west end being one mass of flames, the fire worked its way east, and consumed the entire building only stopping when it reached the new addition. It was impossible to get into Valentines' stores, and the stock had to be abandoned. East of this was Dawson's bakery. But a day or two ago the Dawson Bros. purchased the stock from F. S. Mayer. Their loss was total, having no insurance. Next to the bakery was a hallway leading upstairs. W. T. Twitmyer's store and tin store adjoined the hallway. Mr. T. succeeded in saving a portion of his stock and also his safe. His loss is heavy. Edward Powers' shoe store came next, and he too succeeded in saving some goods and his safe. Next to Powers was Dr. Miles Kirk's drug store. A portion of the drugs, etc., were saved, but in each instance the loss was almost complete. In the new addition was a vacant store room (which will be occupied by Mr. Powers) and Isaac Guggenheimer's clothing and furnishing store. Mr. G's loss was also heavy, his stock being damaged by water. The roof and a portion of the upper story was burned.

On the second story next to the Gazette office was a room occupied by Mr. Shrom. This gentleman was almost strangled and had to be taken out of one of the windows. Bond Valentine's insurance and real estate office followed and the contents including books and valuable papers burned. John Dawson occupied the tenement apartments adjoining the insurance office. Mr. Dawson and family escaped with only their night clothing, and were unable to save a single article of furniture. Across the hall Mr. Reasner and family lived. Their experience was similar to that of Mr. Dawson's family. Next to the stairway was W. S. Triple's tailoring establishment. Total loss. Dr. Rothrock's dental rooms were south of this. Loss also total. The east end apartments were occupied by F. S. Mayer and family. With great dilapidation these people were removed from the building. But no furniture or clothing was saved. The reason for the inability to save property on this floor lies in the fact that the building was so completely filled with smoke that it was impossible to re-enter.

On the second floor of the new building lived Geo. Chase. The Robinson boarding house was also located there. The damage by water to these parties was considerable. The building is badly damaged by water. The third floor was used by Co. B, 5th Reg't., N. G. P., as an Armory. The apartments were handsomely fitted up, and contained the uniforms, guns, ammunition, an excellent gymnasium, etc. Everything was destroyed. When the fire communicated with the cartridges, it sounded

not unlike the firing off of many guns. Many of them were blank, and no one was struck by flying missiles. The other half of the third floor was used by the Free Masons. Their apartments were most handsomely furnished. One charter and a few valuable papers were saved but everything else was destroyed. The loss on masonry property is fully \$6,000; insurance \$2,000. The Bush Arcade was owned by the D. G. Bush estate. The addition is owned by Mrs. Bush. The estate loss is \$33,000 on which there is insurance amounting to \$8,000. Mrs. Bush's loss is \$8,000, insurance \$5,000. The arcade was an excellent paying block, and its destruction is a severe blow to our town. The loss sustained by the nineteen business men, tenants etc., amounts to nearly \$90,000. Our people are charitably inclined and we have no doubt the unfortunate tenants some of whom are sorely in need of clothing, furniture and other necessaries of life will be well cared for. A fund should be raised for their relief at once.

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No one doubts that the fire was of incendiary origin. Several previous fires have occurred at about the same hour and should the feud in human form be caught no punishment would be too severe for him. A liberal reward is offered for the arrest of the perpetrators and we hope it will have the desired result of bringing them to justice.

For our fellow printers we have nothing but sincere sympathy. Their loss is a severe blow to them. This we realize, and cheerfully tender them the use of our office for the completion of any order on hand, or other work. We hope, as they have lost all their books and accounts those knowing themselves indebted to the firm will speedily respond to them for a settlement of the same. Do a good act, gentlemen, and pay up every cent you owe Messrs. Cassidy & Feidler. This of course would apply to others burned out but we believe the other firms secured all their valuable books and papers, and have a means of collecting amounts due them.

NOTE. A man named Hull had his head badly cut by coming in contact with the tongue of one of the hose carriages. Henry Haupt received injuries about the head and face by falling timbers and bricks. Jas. Byard was also injured in the same manner. Maurice Yeager ascended a ladder to secure some of the Masons' property, and in smashing in a widow pane cut his wrist severely. Several arteries were severed.

On Sunday it was deemed advisable to pull down one of the walls that remained standing. Lynn Murphy ascended a ladder to fasten a grapple. He had accomplished his mission and was descending when a brick struck him on the head. Glancing upward he discovered the wall toppling, and only by a fearful jump did he escape being crushed to death. One leap landed him on the ground, and another took him out of harm's way, with not an instant to spare.

Mr. Teller of the Bush House, and Messrs. Jas. Harris, D. Garman, James Schermerville, James Potter and Judge Hoy furnished hot coffee and sandwiches to the firemen. A much appreciated offering.

The sufferers are many, and any aid will be thankfully received. The roof of the Bush House was on fire at one time but was quickly extinguished.

The firemen worked hard and faithfully, putting forth their utmost efforts to save the burning building and the adjoining ones. We have excellent firemen, and if they had the proper apparatus would save much valuable property in the future.

At one time it was thought impossible to control the fire with the limited facilities here, and Tyrone was telegraphed for aid. Always ready to lend a helping hand, the steam engine of that place was loaded on a car and promptly dispatched here. Fortunately it was not necessary to unload the engine. Fifty men accompanied it, and they were given a hearty breakfast at the Bush House. They have the heartiest thanks of Bellefonte's citizens. The explosion of cartridges in the Armory created quite a bustle. Fortunately they were nearly all blank, and no one was injured.

OTHER FIRES. On last Thursday night about half-past eleven o'clock fire was discovered in the wagon manufactory of Mr. J. S. Fisher of near Rebersburg. An alarm was given but the flames spread so rapidly that nothing could be done to check them. The fire communicated to Mr. Fisher's dwell-

ing house, and also the paint and blacksmith shops, and in less than one hour the buildings were burned to the ground. The family barely escaped from the house leaving it in their night clothes, and were not able to save a single article of clothing or furniture. All the contents of the wagon, paint and blacksmith shops were burned. Among the household goods burned were three sewing machines and an organ. The loss is estimated at \$1,000 on which there is an insurance of \$2,600. It is not definitely known how the fire originated but an employee had worked until about nine o'clock on that night, and it is supposed that after he left the building a spark from the stove fell out among the shavings and started the blaze. Mr. Fisher is thankful to the people of his vicinity for the aid rendered, even though they could not control the flames.

Kremer's Commercial Building at Lock Haven was destroyed by fire on Thursday morning, January 6th. The fire originated in J. F. Everett's dry goods store and in a short time had communicated to the upper stories. The whole structure is ruined. The building was occupied on the first floor by the Post Office, J. F. Everett's dry goods store, L. M. Patterson's grocery, J. M. Evans & Son's tailoring establishment and B. Straus clothing store, Christies' school of business, Dr. Kadie's dental rooms, and J. W. Floyd's photograph gallery, occupied the second floor. The third floor was used in connection with the school of business. The entire loss is \$75,000. All the mail matter was saved. Some of the merchants have secured rooms and will resume business at once. Prof. Christie has secured temporary quarters for his school of business and the fire will not interfere with the courses of study. Even since the burning of the building, new students have entered the school.

By request we publish the following: To the Patrons of the "Keystone Gazette."—The disastrous conflagration which consumed the Bush Arcade, one of Bellefonte's most imposing business blocks, on Sunday morning, swept away every vestige of the Keystone Gazette printing establishment, not a scrap of paper that could aid us in re-establishing our business relations with our patrons being saved. The insurance, at this writing unadjusted, was \$2,000, which represents but a small portion of the financial loss we have sustained, but relying upon our friendly co-operation which has hitherto been extended, we confidentially appeal to our friends to come to our assistance in this hour of disaster. The loss of our subscription books leaves us without any means except our memory and the aid that the post-master may be able to render, to restore our circulation, and we request that all persons who have been receiving the paper immediately report that fact, with the date when their subscription began. We have never asked our patrons for money, the voluntary advances received with our regular commercial business enabling us to meet current demands without embarrassment, but this unlooked for emergency compels us to ask that financial sympathy without which resumption of business will prove exceedingly difficult if not impossible. If what we have earned and is now past due is promptly paid we shall within a very brief time renew our visits to our patrons in better form than that which vanished in smoke in the disaster which involved us with many of our immediate neighbors in most disheartening misfortune. We have opened an office in the room next door to Hastings & Reeder's law office, opposite the post-office, where we shall be pleased to receive our friends.

NOTE. A list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Post Office at Bellefonte Centre county Penn., Jan. 10th, 1887. Peter Baghdad, Levi Cain, W. C. Dunlap, G. E. Geeth, Mr. Krape, Mrs. Jas. Lippencott, Miss Mary Poorman, Mrs. Abbie Rine, L. G. Smith, S. G. Shafer, Ed. Towns. Persons inquiring for letters named in the above list will please say advertised. Jas. H. Dobbers, P. M.

Genuine blood hounds at Uncle Tom's Cabin to night.

Secretary of the Interior Lamar was married on Wednesday morning, Jan. 5th, at Macon, Ga., at ten o'clock, at the residence of the bride, by Rev. Wm. Park of Sandersville to Mrs. Wm. S. Holt of Macon.

Don't miss Abbey's Uncle Tom's Cabin tonight.

The highest cash price paid for hides at the reliable meat market of A. Beazer & Son, Allegheny street, Bellefonte. 48-St.

Guggenheimer will pay the highest price in cash for hides and furs of all kinds. For Rent.—A. M. Hoover has several desirable houses for rent at attractive rates.

CHRISTIE'S SCHOOL OF BUSINESS.

On and after Jan. 24, 1887, we shall enter pupils for our regular course at the following special rates: Three Months, \$20. Four months, \$25. Tuition, books, stationery and board, three months, if paid on entering, \$75.00. Send for circulars and make your arrangements to enter at the beginning of the new year. S. N. CHRISTIE, Principal, Lock Haven, Pa.