

Correspondence containing important news, social & from any part of the county. No communications sent unless accompanied by the real name of the writer.

Local Department.

-Fruit of all kinds at Jacob's. -Blank ore options at the CENTRE DEMOCRAT office. -A special Court was held on Monday to qualify the Constables of the county. -Candidates were thick in town on Saturday and a rather handsome lot they were. -Messrs. Potter and Harris have the contract for the new houses at the iron works. -The insurance adjusters were here last week and fixed the losses sustained in the recent fire. -The glass works have started up and everything is full of business and life in that section of town. -The disagreeable weather of Sunday had a tendency to lessen the attendance at the various churches. -Ex-Sheriff Woodring placed on our table a fine specimen of iron ore picked up on his Benner township farm. -Frank P. Blair has a new advertisement in this issue. It will pay you to read it, as it is worth four dollars to you. -Rev. Fischer has so far recovered from the effects of his broken arm as to enable him to resume his pastoral duties at Centre Hall. -Friday last, 4th inst., completed the first half of the first term of President Cleveland's administration. And still the country is safe. -The Reporter says rumor hath it that Commissioner Henderson will become landlord of the hotel at Coburn, now run by Prof. Kleckner. -One by one the toboggan slides are being closed, and the toboggans packed away. It is a question whether this sport will be popular next year. -Mrs. Bartram Galbraith who has been in very feeble health for some time, is we are happy to say on the mend, and is now able to sit up in bed. -Jesse Fravel of Snow Shoe will sell his stock, implements etc., on the 24th. Mr. Fravel is going to move to Ohio, where he has rented a truck farm. We hope this change may befor his financial benefit. -The contract for the new houses for the Valentine Furnace company has been let and a new town will spring up south of the borough which will start with forty or fifty houses. -The Lewis Opera Company render "Chimes of Normandy" to a large and appreciative audience Tuesday night. The company is a good one, and the singing of Miss Della Shobert is unexceptionably fine. -The Messrs. Garman have began the work of tearing down what remains of their hotel preparatory to having a new building erected. The new hotel will be a handsome four story structure and will have all the modern improvements. -Justices of the Peace who have not filed their acceptance with the Prothonotary, should do so at once, as the law requires that they shall file an acceptance in the Prothonotary's office within 30 days. They should also state how the vacancy occurred. -Our waste basket is daily the receptacle of propositions like this: "We will accept from you \$14.63 worth of advertising at your lowest rates, and \$5 cash for one of our patent-double-back action-self-adjusting organs, fence machines or ash pans." -The Millheim Journal says five knitting machines are being set up at Lose's planing mill for the purpose of giving applicants for places in the knitting factory a chance to learn operating them. The factory building will be completed in a short time. -The re-appointment of Mr. Samuel D. Ryan, as superintendent of the Water works, by council on Monday evening is only another endorsement of the ability and efficiency of that gentleman in that capacity. Our water works were never in a better condition than now, and this fact is due mainly to the watchful eye of Mr. Ryan. -The ministers and others who expect to attend the M. E. Conference, have most all arrived. A preliminary meeting was held last night, and all arrangements made for opening Conference this (Thursday) morning. A temperance meeting was also held last night at which several excellent addresses were made. We will publish a full report next week. -The Williamsport Breakfast Table has a column devoted exclusively to married ladies for the purpose of "writing up" their husbands. The Breakfast Table propounds the question: "What kind of a husband have you?" The Bellefonte lady would simply smile and say, "Oh, he's a daisy." There's a world of meaning in that little sentence.

-Quite a number of licenses were refused at the recent term of Court in Clinton county. -It is said that a portion of the new Crider building on High street will be occupied by J. Kyle McFarlane & Co., hardware dealers. -Millheim's capitalists are interesting themselves in North Carolina copper mines, and quite a number of them have made investments. -Joe. W. Furey of the Lock Haven Democrat is a bright, keen incisive writer. One of the best "Local" writers in the country. It gives us great pleasure to see that he is still doing the local work for our neighbor the Watchman. -Penns Valley is becoming notorious for the numerous petty thefts occurring there. The latest was the stealing of \$15.00 in cash, twelve good razors and several dollars worth of cigars from Jerry Miller's barber shop at Centre Hall. -Read the new advertisement of S. H. Williams on another page. All kinds of painting, paper hanging etc., done on the shortest notice. Mr. Williams has a large and beautiful stock of wall paper, and at prices that will astonish you. -The barn of Charles Lucas who lives up Wallace Run near the school house crossing, was destroyed by fire Saturday morning. Many valuable farming implements and a portion of last year's crop, was destroyed entirely. A loss of about \$1500, partially covered by insurance. -Little Elsie, baby daughter of W. B. Rankin met with a very painful accident on Monday. The little girl was standing on a low stool by her mama's side when the stool upset and Elsie fell to the floor, injuring her arm but fortunately not breaking it. -For the benefit of those from a distance, desiring to attend conference, the Bellefonte and Buffalo Run railroad company will run a special train from State College on Sunday. The train will leave the College at 7:30 o'clock a.m. arriving here at 8:30. Returning, leave Bellefonte at 6:30 p. m. -Geo. Knisely, the sprightly young assistant in Bairfoot & Wetzels book store, while loading a heavy box at the depot on Friday morning, had two fingers on his right hand badly smashed by the box falling on them. The accident was quite painful, and of a serious nature, but we hope that the injured fingers will speedily heal up. -Harry Tate, one of the young men who for three hours occupied a position on the roof of the Conrad House during the progress of the recent fire, a blinding snow storm prevailing at the time, is confined to his bed with a severe attack of rheumatism, brought on by exposure as above stated. We hope to soon be able to chronicle his entire recovery. -We are indebted to Hon. Jon. A. Woodward our efficient member for the text of several bills pending in the House, and for a pamphlet copy of the Inter-State Commerce bill passed by Congress and the bills introduced in the Senate and House of Penna. by Senator Waters and Representative Davo. Mr. Woodward is ever on the watch, and careful to guard the interest of his constituents. -There seems to be some sort of hitch in the organization of the Hook and Ladder Company, two different sets of men claiming to be the only genuine Simon pure article. Harmonize your differences, gentlemen. It will take about two hundred and fifty able-bodied fellows to drag a truck up one of our hills. All join one company and then fight about the offices. You can "let 'er go, Gallagher" after you are organized. -There were complaints last year about Mr. Brouse as chairman of the street committee of the borough council, which we are satisfied were well grounded. He is again on that committee and not much can be expected from it. Shaughensy is about as good as a wooden man as street commissioner except to raise Cain with some poor man about an ash pile in an alley. Why don't council appoint a man who will treat all alike? -If in want of good fresh groceries, give W. K. Ludwig a call. His prices are as low as the lowest, and his stock full and complete. You can find in his store groceries; provisions, flour, feed, all kinds of canned goods, glass and queensware, etc. We would call your special attention to a new coffee-Willett's loose-which Mr. L. now handles. One trial will convince you that this brand is superior to any other now in the market. Store on Allegheny street near Bishop. -"Cherub, the Pearl of Serpent Mountain," was produced here on Thursday evening by Miss Mattie Vickers and a strong company. Miss Vickers, as Cherub, was excellent; she having lost none of her time vim. She is undoubtedly one of the best soubrettes on the American stage. Miss Nellie Berry, as Agnes Harper, shared the honors with Miss Vickers, as she delighted the audience by her artistic acting. Chas. Rogers as Septimus Washington Gill, as usual brought down the house.

-A large party gathered at the new cozy residence of Mr. L. A. Shaffer on East Curtin street, on last Thursday evening. The company was composed mostly of young folks, although many older persons were present and joined in the enjoyment of the evening. A special programme was made out for this evening, and the first feat to be accomplished was to put a tail on a donkey. A large canvas was placed on the wall with an outline of a donkey minus a tail drawn upon it. The person who felt equal to the task was blindfolded and with the missing part of the animal went up to canvas to place the tail in its proper place. The donkey didn't have a very commendable appearance and looked as though it lacked proper care and attention resembling in appearance a hat rack. Many sages, philosophers, and classical students were there to solve the problem of how to put a tail on a donkey that never possessed one. Mr. William Hastings found that mastering the languages was an easy task to putting a tail on donkey. Al Dale, and John Kline were sure that the laws of Pennsylvania forbid such a unhuman crime. John Musser was confident that he could put a tail on kite but his knowledge of anatomy was to limited to place it in its exact position. Rev. Charles Steek can preach a solid sermon to a wide-awake congregation but failed in making world wide his fame. Samuel Musser located it about the left ear and received a prize for being off. Miss Lulu Stover, who no doubt made a complete study of the dear little animal before it was placed on exhibition, drew a prize for coming the nearest to placing it within two inches of the proper place. All of course gave it up like the other donkey. After refreshments were served which were of the very best, Rev. Steek favored the company with a few selections from "Shakespeare," reciting mostly from "Hamlet," and also several comic selections. We need make no comments on this part of the entertainment only to remark that he has yet to meet his superior in this accomplishment. The occasion was the regular monthly sociable of the Lutheran congregation and no doubt will be long remembered by those who were there. -Street Commissioner Shaughensy or the street committee of the Borough council we don't know which, have for ten days permitted the blockade of the east side of Allegheny street from the corner of High street to the Conrad House, so that pedestrians had either to take the west side if they wanted to walk on a pavement, or go through the mud in the middle of the street. Had it been a poor man who was blocking the pavements, the rubbish would have quickly been removed at his expense. Either the street committee ought to attend to such matters or see that the commissioner does. Mr. Shaughensy would not allow a poor man's ash barrel to litter up a side walk for ten days without making a racket. Reasonable time ought to be allowed for the removal of such obstructions, the result of fire, but an absolute blockade of a side walk on a public street for ten days, to the injury of those doing business and to the inconvenience of pedestrians is without excuse. When the Bush Arcade burned Mr. Shaughensy began clearing the pavement on Sunday morning while the fire still burned. Why has he permitted the unsightly mass to remain in front of the Reynolds' building? -Before taking any active steps in the organization of a Hook and Ladder Company we would suggest that Council first look after the reorganization of the Undine Hose Company and get them into shape to be of service in time of danger. The boys are willing and anxious to re-organize on a substantial basis, and all they ask is the house for their machine. The Hook and Ladder truck is needed but the first thing to be done is to make available the material we have on hand. Put the Undine in good shape and then look after the Hook and Ladder boys. -Mr. Whit McCormick, of this place says the Centre Hall Reporter had a tumor about the size of walnut taken from the palm of his hand on Tuesday. Two years ago a splinter from a bedstead penetrated his hand and only a portion of it was removed. A piece about an inch and a half remained and finally formed a hard tumor and gave the young man considerable annoyances. After the tumor was cut out it was opened and the wood was found to be well preserved. -The Sons of Veterans of K. R. Breeze Camp, No. 143 will give a supper for the benefit of the Camp at the skating rink on Saturday, March 19th. Oysters in every style, chicken, turkey, boiled ham and everything good in the eatable line. Ice cream and cake in abundance. Supper 35cts. Everybody come and help the boys along. 10-2-L. -The license of W. S. Musser, at Millheim has been revoked by Judge Furst, and that borough is without a licensed house.

Personal. -Geo. W. Smith, Renovo's contractor and builder, was in town Tuesday. -Miss Dora Jacobs, of near Lemont, is visiting at the residence of her sister Mrs. Wm. Resides. -Mr. John Bartruff after an absence of several months, arrived home Tuesday. John was on a business trip through the western states, and met with flattering success. -Treasurer Charles Smith returned last week from a two weeks visit to Washington. Charlie saw all the big guns and has voted Washington the most delightful city of the country. -The many friends of Mrs. Wm. Ludwig will be pleased to learn that after being confined to the house for a period of seven months with an attack of rheumatism the lady is again able to be out, having enjoyed a pleasant carriage ride one day last week. -Harry Jackson, who holds a lucrative position under the Democratic administration at Washington, returned to Bellefonte Wednesday. Harry was greatly missed by his many friends here, and his visit if only for a few days will be made a pleasant one for him. -Ed. Rankin, operator in the Western Union Telegraph office here, has sufficiently his eyesight as to enable him to resume his duties. Mr. Meek, the gentleman who filled Ed.'s during his affliction, departed for Williamsport on Friday where he will be employed by the same company. -Dr. H. S. Clemens of Allentown, specialist in all chronic diseases and who treats mainly by inhalations, was a welcome caller at our office Wednesday. The Dr. has secured quite a practice in Centre county, and we understand his treatments are successful. -A happy meeting was that on Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. Jos. Ceader. Six years ago Mr. David Crotty, then a tall gentleman of about 150 pounds, started for the west. Mr. C. was bound to see as much of that country as possible, and went from place to place until it became impossible for his friends to keep track of him. The west proved beneficial to him, and when on the evening stated, a tall, muscular gentleman weighing perhaps 250 pounds presented himself at the bakery, no one supposed it was the absent relative. After a few moments, Mrs. Ceader entered, but also failed to recognize the handsome gentleman as her brother. Unable to withstand the strain longer he made himself known, and the expression of mingled joy and surprise which lighted the lady's face can better be imagined than told. The reunion was a happy one, and will long be remembered. Mr. Crotty came here from Salt Lake City, and will remain a week or so. He is also a brother of Mrs. C. Garman, Mrs. Cooney and Mrs. Gilmore of this place. We trust his visit will be a pleasant one. -Tuesday morning H. Y. Stitzer's horse was standing in front of that gentleman's residence on High street, when a slide of snow fell from the roof of the Court House. This frightened the animal, and off he started at a rapid rate. The wagon was occupied by a small boy, who when opposite the old Methodist church, fell to the ground, a roll of carpet was in the wagon which fell with the lad, doubtless saving him from serious injury. The animal was stopped back of the jail. No damage was received by horse or wagon. -The Clearfield Republican says Judge Krebs rendered a lengthy opinion upon opening Court Monday morning in relation to the parties who were before him for passing two \$2 bills raised to two \$20's at the store of H. A. Kratzer & Co., on Saturday evening, Feb. 5th. The parties accused were Mrs. Price, of near Curwensville, and a Mrs. Straw, of Kansas, who is east on a visit. The Court is of the opinion that it was no jurisdiction over them and so ordered their release. The bills were miserably gotten up and how they could be passed on any one familiar with money is a question we cannot answer. -Rumor hath it that Mr. Crider will tear down the building in which Dr. Harris has his office and erect upon the site thereof a substantial brick structure. Thus gradually the old buildings in our borough are being removed and creditable ones put up in their place. We admire the enterprise of some of our citizens, and hope soon to see a building erected on the site of the Arcade, although it is said Mrs. Bush has abandoned her purpose to rebuild. -The plans for the new bank structure to be built on the site of W. F. Reynolds & Co's building reduced to ashes a week ago to day are such as will be a noble addition to Bellefonte's public square. -Daily News. -Yes when the plans "are reared" let us know, we want to see whether they will be a noble addition etc. Plans are not very substantial but then Bailey says they will be a "noble addition" to the square & and Bailey knows. -Ground Hog day should be declared a legal holiday.

MACHINE POETRY, THE CANDIDATE'S SOLILOQUY. Let's see, I'm fifty years of age to-day, My hair is slowly turning gray, And now's the time my friends all say To make the nomination. Of course they cannot think me rash, If in politics I cut a dash; For they know I have but little cash, But I'll have the nomination. So I'll go to work with all my might, I'll doff my coat, prepare to fight, For I'm convinced that I'm all right I'll get the nomination. I'll write my friends, I'm in the field To Smith or Jones, I will not yield, For "cheek" I think's the strongest shield, To win the nomination. Let's see, I think my friends of course Will all join in to swell my force, And hire for me a coach and horse, To hunt the nomination. By George, I'll drive from east to west English and German, I'll talk my best, The babies too must be caressed. If I want the nomination. My cards I'll hand to one and all Tickets I'll buy for every ball, And on my hands and knees I'll crawl To get the nomination. And if a score of friends I meet, As I go up and down the street To soda water I will treat To get the nomination. To Sunday schools of every tribe And bands and churches I'll subscribe Thus scores of voters I will bribe To get my nomination. Bewhileas! my hopes run high, But six months more must first pass by Before the day and hour draws nigh To make the nomination. Then if successful I shall be I'll sing and dance and shout with glee; Turn summersault about three times three, When I've got the nomination. But if I "get left" Oh my! 'tis sad, To think of any thing so bad; Then by gosh I'll help the lad That gets the nomination. -Monday morning at nine o'clock the old borough council met for the last time, and the business of the year finished up. The thanks of the council were tendered the retiring president, L. L. Brown and clerk Mitchell, when the board was adjourned sine die. The new council was convened at 10:30 o'clock, the new members being Robt. Cole of the West ward, and F. B. Stover of the North, Ed. Brown Jr., succeeding himself in the South. Nominations for president were pronounced in order. Wm. T. Hillbish and L. T. Munson were the nominees and when a vote was taken the result showed 7 for Mr. Hillbish and 2 for Mr. Munson. Isaac Mitchell was re-elected clerk by acclamation. C. F. Cook was sworn in as Borough Treasurer. Council then adjourned until 7:30 in the evening when Thos. Shaughensy was re-elected street commissioner, and Samuel D. Ryan was re-elected engineer at the water works, and superintendent of water department. John G. Love Esq., was unanimously elected borough solicitor. J. I. Spangler and Wilbur Harris appeared and presented petitions for two different hook and ladder companies, the former the Rescue, and the latter for a company, the name of which was not given. It was decided to order a hook and ladder truck at once, the same to be under the supervision of the borough authorities. It was also decided to erect a hose house for the Undines, and the Police and Fire committee instructed to advertise for bids for the building at once. Chairman Hillbish then announced the following committees: Water committee-Brew, chairman; Cole, Munson. Street committee-Prouse, chairman; Stover, Brokerhoff. Fire and Police committee-Cole, chairman; Brew, Brown. Finance committee-Stover, chairman; Brouse, Brokerhoff. Market Committee-Hepburn, chairman; Brew, Munson. Nuisance committee-Brown, chairman; Hepburn, Stover. -THE EXPERIMENTAL STATION.-The bill appropriating \$15,000 annually to each state having an agricultural college, for the support of an agricultural experiment station passed both houses of congress and will receive the signature of the President. Dr. Atherton of the State College is the author of the bill, and it was drawn to meet the necessities of the farmers of the country. The modern farmer is much in advance of his predecessors of a hundred years ago, and the farmer of the 20th century will be largely in advance of those of the present day. Agriculture is a science and its principles are becoming fixed. Our agricultural institutions have always been limited in their usefulness by the prejudices of the farmers themselves. That prejudice is gradually wearing away as the college grows into the confidence of the farmer. The establishment of an experimental station will be of vast importance to the farmers of our state, as the law requires its results to be published for the benefit of that class. Dr. Atherton is to be congratulated on the success of his efforts in this matter, as he has worked tirelessly to accomplish it. -The Watchman's description of the Bellefonte Glass Works in last week's issue was very good and reads like something we have seen in print before. We like the enterprise(?) of our neighbor.

SOUTH SIDE. Slush, sloop, and vendue sales abound on this side of the mountains. James Duck has bought a timber tract from Gregg Burrell opposite the Green Grove church at the cross roads, and will plant a steam saw mill on it in the spring. P. S. Dale will move to his farm between Lemont and Pleasant Gap. James Grove and Captain Waugh have leased for a number of years several hundred acres of land on Egg Hill, opposite Spring Mills, for the purpose of prospecting for gold, silver, copper, lead and coal, the iron ore right being reserved. They will commence operations inside of a month. If they strike a rich vein of gold or silver we expect the population of Spring Mills will run up to one million before long. It is somewhat under that number at present. Hope they may strike it rich. L. D. Hostermen, having purchased the old Snyder homestead on Brush mountain, will prospect for iron ore. Last week a 17 year old son of Jacob Jamison died, and now his mother, through grief at the loss of her son has become insane and refuses to partake of any food. It is thought she will not live many days. The intermediate school at Spring Mills is still closed, the teacher, Hiram Grove, being still on the sick list. Siney Bitner, teacher of the primary school intends taking a trip to the far west as soon as his school closes. Spring Mills is to have an Order of Knighthood established in its midst before long. I suppose we then behold the chivalrous Knights, attended by their equires, and waited upon by their pages, as they vault into their saddles and ride in their grand tournaments. Drs. VanValzah and Allison are kept busy attending their patients, there being a great deal of sickness throughout Penna and the neighboring valleys. Freddy Krumrine will move to George's Valley next month, where he will operate with a steam saw mill. Elias Smith and Elias Krumrine have purchased a Norman Percheron Stallion for the neat little sum of \$850.00. YACOB. -By request we publish the following from the Lock Haven Democrat: "Mrs. Conser, wife of Geo. Conser, of the Island in Dunstable township, died on Tuesday from the effects of a paralysis recurred on Saturday last. Mrs. Conser's maiden name was Sarah Bowersox, and she was raised in Penna Valley Centre County, as was also her husband, George Conser. The couple was married on the 9th of May 1839. There are many relatives and friends of the family in Centre county. SCHOOL REPORT.-The following is the report of the Manor school in Potter township for the fourth month ending, February 29th: Number of scholars on roll, male 14, female 18, total 32; average attendance during month, male 12, female 15, total 27; percentage, male 96, female 93, average 94; visitors, 10. The following are the names of scholars who attended every day during the month: Mabel A. Boal; Mabel Maize, Mattie J. Snyder, Cora E. Dubbs, Elsie D. Griffith, Mollie A. Boal, Mary R. Maize, Calvin G. Spicher, Joseph S. Rubie, Boyd Spicher, Corman Spicher and David O. Stover. Scholars that missed but one day, John K. Wagner, Charles W. Rubie, John B. Rubie, E. Clayton Wagner, Jared Keller, Blanche Boal, Blanche V. Swabb, Susan B. Wagner, Mabel B. Snyder and Gertrude E. Spicher. S. D. GETTIO, Teacher. -The "Alto" ore mines to be opened by Moses Thompson & Sons are said to be unusually rich in ore, and their excavator and washers will have a capacity of one hundred tons of washed ore per day. The ore will be shipped over the Buffalo Run road and will be quite an item of freight each day. It is to be hoped that the greater part if not all this ore will be made into iron at Bellefonte furnaces. The Messrs. Thompsons are the largest owners of ore lands in the county, and their plant may reach vast proportions. The "Alto" property embraces about twelve hundred acres of land, wonderfully rich in iron ore and easy of development. When in operation this plant with others which will follow will work wonderful changes in the quiet Buffalo Run valley and add immensely to its wealth and population. It is a matter of congratulation to see our own people taking part in our progress and becoming sheeters in its prosperity. -The young people of Tusseyville and vicinity, had a party at William Gobeen's last Friday evening. A few innocent plays were indulged in, when refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Gobeen, after which music, etc., until the wee small hours of the morning when the party dispersed, each one going to his or her home feeling happy and wishing a long and happy life to Mr. and Mrs. Gobeen. JERRO. MARRIED. SHAFER-KREMER.-At the residence of the bride parents, near Williamsport Pa., by W. J. Curran, P. M., Nov. 3, 1897. Grandfather: Madisonburg Pa., to Anna M. Kremer of Williamsport Pa.