

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. -Spring commenced on Sunday. Collectors sale bills at the DEMOCRAT office. -The saw mills at Lock Haven have started up. -Blank ore options and leases at the DEMOCRAT office. -Parents keep your boys and girls off the streets at night. -Sitzer's new book store presents a neat and handsome appearance. -From present indications this month will March out a howling. -If you have any spare money to invest, purchase some of Phillipsburg's school bonds. -Fauble's new clothing store on Bishop street presents a neat and attractive appearance. -A lodge of Knights of the Golden Eagle has been organized at Spring Mills with a membership of 45. -Harry Sitzer and William Weber, of Howard, entered Christies school of business at Lock Haven last week. -Court convened at 10 o'clock on Monday and adjourned in the afternoon, the cases having been settled. -W. S. Philips departed for Los Angeles, Cal., on Thursday last. Many of his friends were at the Station to bid him adieu. -In last weeks Journal, a Bellefonte writer contributes some valuable hints towards the erection of glass works at Phillipsburg. -I Frank is receiving his new goods preparatory to opening his novelty store, on the corner of Allegheny and Bishop streets, on the 25th inst. -Penns Valley will soon be well supplied with good horses, as nearly every week a car load of western stock is disposed of at public auction by some enterprising drover. -The glass works are now in full operation. Both furnaces are in blast, and about one hundred men are employed. This makes that part of town quite lively now. -The Centre Hall Reporter wants a board walk built from that place to the railroad station. That's right, Brother Kurtz; persevere in your efforts and the walk will be forthcoming. -Altoona merchants have adopted the early closing system, and any one violating the rules governing the same, forfeits \$10, the money to be paid to some charitable institution. -Our excellent Sheriff has his hands full at the jail, seventeen persons being confined there at present. Miles is a careful custodian, and is kind and considerate to those confined in the Fort. -Patrick, the five year old son of Larry O'Leary was buried from the Catholic church on Sunday. Patrick was a bright little lad, and his death is keenly felt by the bereaved parents. -A fish commission has been organized at Phillipsburg, the object of which is the protection of game and fish in that section. In due time fifty thousand brook trout will be placed in cold stream. -Mr. Henry Thompson son of Wm. Thompson Sr. of Houserville is now visiting friends and relatives in this county. Mr. Thompson is a railroad contractor in the north western part of Illinois. -An effort is being made at Phillipsburg, to raise a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of prospecting for oil and gas at that place. Subscription papers are being circulated for that purpose. -The Redpath Concert Company gave one of its charming and delightful entertainments on Saturday evening. The audience was not large, but it was appreciative each rendition receiving hearty applause. -There is a strange similarity between the "let'er go Gallagher" story published in the Renova News several weeks ago, and the one published in the Daily News last week. The only difference is in the names. -Charles Barner, the young man who had his leg crushed on the railroad will Hall some time since, died at his home at Lock Haven, on Monday. The doctors found it necessary to amputate the limb, from the effects of which the patient died. -The Sons of Veteran supper in the Armory Saturday night was largely attended, and upwards of \$50 was cleared. A delegation of O. H. Emory Camp of Lock Haven, came up on the evening train and remained over Sunday the guests of Camp Breeze. -Michael Hess of Harris township was so unfortunate as to lose a valuable young horse. The stable door being open, the horse rushed out overturned a spring wagon which fell on his leg and broke it close to the knee. Mr. Hess was compelled to kill the horse.

-Callers will please remember that our business office is on the first floor, second door to the left as you enter the Old Conrad House. Please remember this and you will save yourself considerable inconvenience. -The store room formerly occupied by Leathers & Son at Unionville is being repainted and put in apple-pie order for Mr. A. J. Griest who intends opening a general store about April 1st. A large and select stock having already been purchased for same. -H. G. Shaffer, the jolly landlord of the Spring Mills hotel, was in town Wednesday evening. Mr. S. informs us that he has already taken possession of the First National hotel at Millheim, and that by the first of April the latter house will be newly furnished and will have all the conveniences of a first class house. -We are continually receiving new material, and are better prepared to do job work now than ever. One of the latest additions is a font of large figures just the thing for date lines. Other materials recently received makes our facilities for turning out job work second to none. Prices reasonable. Give us a call. -The Phillipsburg Ledger says a co-operative store with a capital of \$20,000 will be started in this place on the 1st of April. The gentlemen who have the scheme in hand are well known men of means and enterprise, who will make it go successfully. We are not at liberty to tell all we know of this matter now, but will at the proper time. -Mr. William Speer, of this place, is building a number of ore cars for the Bellefonte & Buffalo Run Railroad Company. The work is being done at Struble's ore banks. Mr. Speer is a master builder, having had charge of the Bellefonte car works when in operation. Under his watchful eye a first class lot of cars may be looked for. -A brilliant array of legal lights graced our court room on Monday. Among the prominent gentlemen present were Ex-Judge Samuel Linn, of Williamsport; Hon. S. P. Wolverton and H. J. Boyer Esq. of Sunbury; Hon. L. A. Mackey, Judge Charles A. Mayer, and H. T. Harvey, Esq., of Lock Haven; and Geo. B. Orsly Esq., of Huntingdon. -Frank Davidson as "Hans the German Detective" held the attention of a good audience on Monday night. Mr. Davidson is a splendid actor, and in this play, written by himself he showed up to a good advantage. Wit and humor were principal factors, and the antics of Jube, kept the audience in a roar of laughter. The support was up to the standard. -Upwards of twenty persons lost their lives by the burning of the Richmond hotel at Buffalo last week. Among the guests in the house at the time was Foster Milliken, of New York a nephew of Col. Milliken of this place. He was in the fifth story and made his escape in his night clothing, by means of the fire escape. The young man will doubtless remember this fire for a long time. -The death of Mrs. John M. Watt, of Phillipsburg, occurred on Friday last. Deceased had been ailing for several years, but up to the time of her death, seemed to be on a fair road to recovery, when a stroke of paralysis laid her cold in death. She was highly respected lady 60 years of age and was the wife of Mine Inspector Watt. She leaves a husband and five children to mourn their loss. -John Blanchard, Esq., son of Evan M. Blanchard and a member of the Philadelphia bar, was admitted to practice in the several courts of Centre county on Monday. Mr. Blanchard represents the third generation of his family who have practiced at the bar here. His grand-father, John Blanchard being one of the distinguished members when the county was in its infancy, and his father, Evan M., still a member. -A special term of Court was held on Monday last, Judge Furst and Hon. W. W. Brown, of Warren, President Judge of the 37th Judicial District, presiding. But two cases came before the Court, the first being an ejectment, brought by the Midland Mining Company against the Lehigh Valley Coal Company and Berwind, White & Co. This action involved four tracts of coal land in Snow Shoe township, valued at a half million dollars. The parties are negotiating a compromise which will likely terminate the suit. H. T. Harvey, of Lock Haven, and Orvis, Bower and Orvis, represented the plaintiffs, and E. M. Blanchard, Esq., of Bellefonte, Hon. Samuel Linn, of Williamsport, and Hon. S. P. Wolverton, of Sunbury, the defendants. The second was also an action in ejectment, brought by Philip Keller against the heirs of Geo. W. Ford, deceased, of Philadelphia, and James A. Beaver, for a tract of land in Snow Shoe township. The legal representatives for the plaintiff was W. C. Kress, Esq., of Lock Haven, and for the defendants, Beaver & Gehhart. Case continued at the cost of defendants. The jury was then discharged and Court adjourned finally Tuesday morning.

Death of Senator Alexander.

A preliminary meeting of the Centre County Bar Association, was held on Saturday, March 19th, Judge Hoy in the chair. A committee consisting of Jno. G. Love, Esq., Gen. Wm. H. Blair and Jas. H. Rankin Esq., was appointed to prepare a suitable minute on the death of Hon. Cyrus T. Alexander. A committee of six consisting of Hon. Jno. B. Linn, J. C. Harper, C. M. Bower, H. Y. Sitzer, D. F. Fortney and A. A. Dale was appointed to meet the family at such point as would be convenient. The meeting adjourned to meet on Monday at 10 o'clock. Court convened at 10 o'clock on Monday morning and after attending to a few minor matters Judge Furst retired from the bench and Hon. Adam Hoy took the chair and called the meeting to order. The chairman of the committee to prepare a suitable minute on Senator Alexander's death read his report and in an appropriate little speech moving its adoption paid a glowing tribute to the memory and character of the deceased. He reviewed the career of the deceased as a lawyer, a citizen and a friend. In every position in life he was the same genial honest courteous gentleman.

THE MINUTE OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION.

Hon. Cyrus T. Alexander, who died Friday, March 18, 1887, at Aiken, South Carolina, and in honor of whose memory we have met on this occasion was a son of James Alexander, of Millin county Pennsylvania. He was born September 10, 1836, in Millin county. His childhood and youth were spent with his father on the farm, where he acquired, early in life, habits of industry and perseverance, and learned to respect and honorably regard honest labor.

The foundation of his education was laid in the public schools, which he attended during the winter months, while a boy. He finished his education at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa., from which he graduated in 1855.

In 1857 he entered the law office of Ira C. Mitchell in Bellefonte as a student at law, and was admitted to the bar of Centre county in August 1859. Upon his admission to the bar, he immediately commenced the practice of the law, in company with his preceptor, with whom he formed a partnership which continued until 1862, when he formed a partnership with Hon. John H. Orvis, with whom he continued the practice of his profession until 1874, when Mr. Orvis was elected to the Bench. Immediately upon the retirement of Mr. Orvis from the firm, in 1875, he formed a partnership with C. M. Bower Esq., under the name of Alexander & Bower, which was continued until 1885, Mr. Bower then retiring from the firm.

As a lawyer Mr. Alexander was clear, able and brilliant. In his addresses to both courts and juries, he was eloquent, logical and convincing. In the practice of his profession he was faithful and honorable, and the tricks or sharp practices of the law were beneath his notice, and he never stooped to practice them.

He was exceedingly courteous, polite and gentlemanly in his demeanor towards the Court and his brethren at the Bar. Socially, he was genial, pleasant and agreeable as well as bright and entertaining and won the friendship of all who came in contact with him.

In 1861 and 1862 he was a part owner of the Democratic Watchman, and during that time edited its columns and through them supported the government, and advocated a vigorous prosecution of the war in favor of the preservation of the Union. In 1863 and 1864 he represented Centre county in the House of representatives at Harrisburg and in November 1878, was elected to the State Senate for four years.

As a legislator he was able and efficient and fearlessly stood by his convictions of right, upon legislative measures, although by so doing he knew he would incur the displeasure of popular clamor and popular demand. In political life he was quite popular with the masses, and retained a large personal political following and support, in the Democratic party of which he was a member. As a citizen he was enterprising and public spirited, and was ever ready, to the extent of his means and by his counsel, to aid and advance the business interests of our town and county. In his death we recognize the loss of one of the ablest, most genial, courteous and honorable members of the Bar; the loss of one of our foremost and most public spirited citizens, and the loss of a kind and affectionate husband and father.

We hereby express our deepest sorrow because of his decease and tender our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family and friends.

That out of respect to the memory of the deceased the members of the Bar wear the usual badge of mourning and attend the funeral in a body.

That this minute be spread upon the records of the Court, and a copy be engrossed and delivered to the family of the deceased.

JOHN G. LOVE, JAS. H. HANKIN, W. H. BLAIR.

Mr. Love was followed by D. F. Fortney, Judge Orvis, C. M. Bower, Judge Linn, Senator Wolverton and Judge Furst. Each dropped a word flower on the bier of departed. Mr. Alexander's pleasant ways his kindness of heart his honesty and integrity found for him a place in the hearts of his brothers of the bar, that few men ever occupy. His funeral took place from

his late residence in Spring township, and was very largely attended. The Bar Association attended in a body. The services were conducted by Rev. Drs. Monros and Laurie, after prayer by Dr. Monroe, the choir sang "I would not live away." Mr. Laurie spoke feelingly of the deceased and extolled his many good qualities of heart and mind. The pall bearers were Judges Orvis and Hoy, D. F. Fortney, D. S. Keller C. M. Bower, and J. L. Spangler.

Cyrus T. Alexander will long be missed by this community. Men of his peculiar sunny disposition, generous, unselfish great tender hearted men are the exception, not the rule. We do not believe that he ever intentionally by word or deed, wounded the feelings of a human being. His hand was always outstretched to aid the unfortunate and his purse open to the needy. He fulfilled the legal requirements that "we live honestly hurt nobody and render to every man his just dues." He was a man in the largest sense of that word with a true tender heart working in unison with a bright intellect. His death is a sad stroke to his family and friends, and deprives our community of a brilliant lawyer and a public spirited citizen. His party loses a trusted leader. It is seldom that such universal sorrow pervades a community at the death of a citizen, on every hand the most glowing tributes are paid to the character of Senator Alexander, and they come from all classes.

LETTER FROM GOVERNOR BEAVER.

The following letter was received by Mr. Wm. Shortridge on the 19th inst., Your letter of the 18th inst., confirming the dispatch in this morning's Press, announcing the death of my friend Alexander, has been received. I am extremely sorry to hear what I have for some time feared. If the funeral were to occur on Friday or Saturday I would make the effort to attend it. This is hardly probable, however, and I fear that it will not be possible for me to be present.

Will you be kind enough to convey to Mrs. Alexander and the other friends my sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their affliction. Alexander and I were always warm friends and seemed to be materially interested in each other's welfare. I always felt that I could treat him confidentially and he always treated me in that way; so that my feeling for him was very warm and cordial.

I have for months noticed, with regret, his failing health, and when he bade me good-bye, prior to his departure for the South, I feared the worst. He had very many most excellent qualities among which prominently stood out his sincerity and honesty of purpose. He was a good friend and a useful member of society. The ravages which death is making among the members of our Bar is something not only very sad, but quite remarkable.

With thanks for the information so kindly conveyed to me, I am

Very cordially yours,

[Signed] JAMES A. BEAVER.

Personal.

Adjutant General Hastings returned home Saturday. Stewart Laird was in town the early part of the week.

Mr. James Crozier went to Lock Haven Tuesday morning.

Ellis L. Orvis, Esq., is again able to be out after a prolonged spell of sickness.

Mr. George Jack and family, of Boalsburg, will depart for their western home, Nebraska, this week.

Mr. E. J. Swaveley, accompanied by his son, Jesse, is spending this week at Milton, the guest of his sister, Mrs. S. Moore.

John Z. Loder, who has been residing at Blanchard for several years has located nearer the county capital, his new home now being Howard.

Hugh McCann P. J. McDonnell and Thomas McCann were visitors to Bellefonte on Monday. Tom is the possessor of a very beautiful poem but refused to give it to us for publication.

Prof. Geo. P. Bible, of the Central State Normal School, at Lock Haven, came to Bellefonte Friday evening, accompanied by his estimable wife, and remained over Sunday, returning to his duties Monday evening.

Messrs. George and Thomas Chase expected to depart for New York last evening, where they will engage in business with their father, who went there some time ago. Both are excellent young men, and we are sorry to have them leave us.

James Schofield, of Bellefonte, the excellent and efficient overseer of the poor of that place, was in the city today, and gave us a call. Mr. Schofield is a prominent member of the Democratic party, and an efficient speaker on the stump, having much influence with the working men.—Lock Haven Democrat

—Mr. Thos. Merryman, of Haunah Furnace, was a caller on Thursday. Mr. Merryman informs us that his wife has been confined to the house for over a year, by rheumatism, and that at this time the disease has its firmest grasp. The lady has not been able to walk during that period, but was up to a few weeks ago, moved about on a chair. Now we are sorry to say, she is confined to her bed, but we hope kind Providence will speedily restore the good lady to her health.

—The talk of removing the capitol to Bellefonte is the silliest kind of twaddle and there was doubtless a broad grin on Mr. Woodward's face when he introduced the joint resolution to appoint a committee to investigate the question. Two of our public spirited citizens have taken great interest in the matter, Mr. Baily of the News and Mr. Milliken. Baily does the literary work and the gentlemanly and polished Milliken offers the land. Both these gentlemen are in about the same fix as Satan was when he took the Master up on the top of a high mountain and said, "All this will I give you if you fall down and worship me." Neither one of them owns a foot of land in or about Bellefonte. Baily is an innocent young fellow, who is constantly "going off" at the wrong time and our genial friend Milliken never "goes off" at any time. Now if Mr. Milliken means business and not business let him put up a deed for fifty acres of land, and then say to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, the title to this is in the people of this great state for capitol buildings, and can be accepted at any time during the next ten years. If at the end of that time work on the new buildings is not commenced the land shall revert to me. We advise both these gentlemen to "put up or shut up." We have been on the mountains and hill tops about Bellefonte, and with the aid of the most powerful glass have been unable to locate a single solitary public improvement that bears the impress of Mr. Milliken's wonderful genius. Yet Mr. Milliken has been a citizen of this town these many years, is very wealthy, intelligent and cultivated. There is not even a dirty-faced urchin in town that calls him papa. We advise both Baily and Milliken to get married. If this state were peopled entirely by such fellows as they, there would be no need of a State Capital after a generation.

—The hotel thief has reached Bellefonte in his sorrow. A man giving his name as Harry Bowen, registered at the Brockerhoff House on last Friday evening. He carried with him a satchel and two bundles, depositing the latter in the office. At an early hour he retired to his room and nothing more was heard of him until morning. During the evening a traveling man, well known here, also arrived at the hotel, and informed Mr. McMillen that a hotel thief was on the road, and gave a description of him, describing his mode of operations. From this Mac, suspicioned Bowen, and kept a sharp eye on him. Officer Foulk was engaged to aid in the capture, for they felt certain all was not right. Early Saturday morning Bowen arose, and left the house, carrying with him the satchel. Mac immediately opened the boxes and found them filled with saw dust and stones, and then in company with Mr. Yeager started in pursuit. The culprit was captured near the Brockerhoff residence on Bishop street, and escorted to squire Linn's office, where he had a hearing and was committed to jail. The satchel contained several blankets taken from the bed. He successfully played the same trick at Danville. In disposing of the stolen goods he claimed to have bought them at auction and could therefore sell them cheap. Bowen took the situation very coolly, and when asked if he was intoxicated replied that he was not. Men of his ilk may be able to hoodwink the hotel proprietors and police of Danville and other cities, but they can't shut the eyes of our wide-awake hotel men and officers.

—A pleasant social hop took place in the Armory on last Thursday evening, at which none but those specially invited were present. To the music of Bellefonte's excellent orchestra, composed of Chas. Nau, Chas. Smith and Jacob Lyon, dancing was engaged in until about half-past eleven, when refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake fruits, etc. were served. After being thoroughly refreshed dancing was resumed, and continued until a late hour. The affair was most enjoyable, and was attended by quite a number of our young ladies and gents.

—At a special meeting of the School Board held last Friday the colored school property was sold to Mr. Jas. A. McClain for \$900 cash, possession to be given at the close of the present school term. Mr. McClain intends converting the building into a double dwelling. At the same meeting it was decided by the Board to postpone the final action upon the building of a stone wall around the new school grounds. A petition was presented asking that instead of the wall, a fence be built and the ground terraced. The contract for the grading has been let to John Curry.

—Our neighbor, the Gazette, is in error when it states that Cal Harper's house was on fire. A deflection in the chimney allowed smoke to enter one of the rooms in the house which caused the occupants to believe the house was on fire, but Mr. Harper informs us that such was not the case. No portion of the building was damaged by fire or water.

—Blank ore options at the CENTRE DEMOCRAT office.

—The Millheim band has received new instruments, and now that borough will be enlivened during the evenings with sweet strains of music. —Henry Allison the other day felled a walnut tree which measured five feet across the stump, and made a log 70 feet in length. The price received for it was \$225. So says the Reporter. —The death of five old persons occurred in Union county last week, whose combined age was 403 years and 8 months. The oldest person's age was 85 and the youngest 71 years; average, a little over 80. —M. I. Gardner, who for several years past was book keeper for Valentines Store Co., now has charge of the books of E. Lauth & Son, at Howard. "Mich" is an excellent book-keeper, and a pleasant gentleman. —George J. Blackford, the popular Bishop street restaurateur, who several weeks ago fell from the steps in the rear of his residence, thereby breaking one of his ribs is again able to be about, although still suffering from the effect of the injury. —The coming spring will bring forth a creamery at Lemont. Over two thousand dollars worth of stock has been taken and the building will be erected on the farm of Dr. Dale, where flows an excellent spring of water, and all other conveniences may be found. —The Nittany Valley railroad company was chartered at Harrisburg last Thursday. The capital stock is \$75,000, and the line will be seven miles long, extending from Bellefonte to the ore banks near Zion. This line will open a rich country, as ore in endless quantities is found there, besides it is a rich agricultural section. —By a vote of 226 to 87 Phillipsburg has decided to erect a new school building at a cost of not to exceed \$25,000, and the loan of that sum is now asked by the authorities of that borough. This is a move in the right direction, and as the bonds are not payable for 30 years, the children who will be educated will be able to help pay off the indebtedness, and it will be a pleasant task, no doubt. —Nate Salebury, the well-known comedian, was married at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, in the big Court House in the City Hall, to Miss Ray Samuels, the actress, formerly of the Salebury Troubadours. Judge Edward Patterson of the Supreme Court officiated at the ceremony, which took place with closed doors, the utmost secrecy being enjoined on all present. Besides the fact of the prominence of the principal parties, the wedding was memorable because Col. Robt. G. Ingersoll and Dr. T. S. Robertson acted as witnesses. The happy pair left the Court House to spend their honeymoon at the Westminster Hotel in this city. They will sail for Europe at the end of this month with the Wild West show, in which the bridegroom is a partner with Buffalo Bill. Miss Samuels is well and favorably known to the Bellefonte theatre going people as the "Countess" in the Mascott and was the leading lady in the Wilbur Opera Co. which visited here several years ago. —John D. Douglas, late editor of the Phillipsburg Ledger, is now in Colorado and has purchased the Idaho Springs News. In his salutatory he says: "The undersigned has purchased the News office with all the fixtures including the subscription list, from P. Mixsell, the late editor. He steps forward ready and willing to work for and protect the best interests of Idaho Springs, and John D. Douglas. He will earnestly endeavor to publish a good, live, local paper, and urgently solicits a continuance of the patronage which has been accorded the paper heretofore." Mr. Douglas is a first class journalist, and if we do not make Idaho Springs boom it will not be his fault. We wish him abundant success in his new field of labor. —NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Bald Eagle Valley Railroad Company is called for Tuesday April 12 1887, at 11 o'clock, A. M., at 233 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia. Election for a President and Directors same day and place. ALBERT HEWSON, Secretary.