

# The Centre Democrat.

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## Local Department.

—Mingle's shoe store.  
—The marble playing season is here.  
—Secure your seats for Monte-Cristo.  
—Blank one options at the Centre Democrat office.  
—Tadly 20 to 25 per lb at Jacobs'. Made fresh every day.  
—The season for removing ash piles and other rubbish, is here.  
—It is said that Stormstown will have an Odd Fellows lodge before long.  
—Some enterprising citizen should purchase and operate a street sprinkler this summer.  
—Sunday was a beautiful day, and spring costumes were everywhere noticed.  
—The new Lewisburg and Millburg Post-masters assumed their duties on Friday last.  
—A box of fine cream chocolate would be nice to take home for Easter, 25cts lb at Jacobs'.  
—Chaney & Thompson intend carrying on an extensive coal business this summer at Port Matilda.  
—J. R. Bible of Centre Hall, and Miss Jennie J. McCormick of Potter's Mills, was married on the 29th ult.  
—The legislature has appropriated \$15,000 for the completion of the unfinished wing of the Normal school at Lock Haven.  
—It is now announced that the President will immediately "bounce" the 200 and over Republican Post-masters yet holding office.  
—The ladies Reformed Missionary Society of Aronsburg, will give an entertainment in the old church on next Saturday evening.  
—The base ball season has opened. A game was indulged in at Philadelphia the other day while a blinding snow storm was raging.  
—A new porch has been built to the Kelly building on the corner of Allegheny and Logan streets, and is a decided improvement.  
—The bill abolishing the poll tax and reducing to thirty days the requisite residence of a voter in an election district, has passed the legislature.  
—Harry, son of William Miller died on last Saturday, the cause of death being croup. He was a bright child and his early taking off is sincerely regretted.  
—The first of April was an excellent day for moving, the atmosphere being quite comfortable. A large number of families changed their place of residence.  
—The Lutheran congregation of Coburn has become so large as to necessitate the building of a new church. Work has already been commenced on the foundation.  
—The family of Alfred Barlow left Philipsburg for Cooper, West Virginia last Thursday, where they will join Mr. Cooper who is engaged in the lumber business there.  
—The entertainment next Monday night to be given by the Benedict Company will prove refreshing, after the long season of Lent, and no doubt the hall will be crowded as it should be.  
—Reports from nearly all parts of the country, indicate a failure of the wheat crop this year, as the late cold snaps are doing the grain a great deal of damage; many fields not showing a green spot.  
—An election for Lieutenant Colonel of the 5th Regiment N. G. P., vice John S. Jarret, resigned, and for Major, vice S. P. Statler resigned will be held at the Logan House, at Altoona, on Wednesday, April 13th.  
—Centre Hall had a fire scare the other day, and now the people of that borough are arousing themselves and a fire company will probably be organized. The town is large enough, financially able and has the material to have a good organization of this kind.  
—Messrs. C. P. Hilder and Frank Scott, have opened a wall paper establishment in the McCain block and now have a nice stock on hand. They are also prepared to hang paper and do all kinds of painting and lettering at reasonable prices. Both are artistic workmen and deserve a fair share of the public's patronage.  
—Some of the city dailies on last Friday published sensational reports of big robberies and the collapse of a portion of the Capital buildings, whereby several prominent men were killed, and others injured. But the articles did not create any excitement as such first of April stories are becoming quite stale.  
—D. Garman has concluded to build an entire new building, and has torn down the kitchen part of the old hotel. Owing to the inclement weather the masons did not commence on the foundation last week, but Monday morning they appeared in full force and the work is now being rapidly pushed forward.

—Mingle's shoe store.  
—Bananas and Oranges for Easter, cheap and fresh at Jacobs'.  
—Seth W. Starkweather, three times mayor of Williamsport died at his home in that city on Thursday afternoon aged about 63 years.  
—Harry Sides, son of J. H. Sides, of Lewistown, fell from a second story window on Thursday, and received injuries from which he died.  
—Jacob Barr of Centre Hall, and Miss Sarah C. Taylor, of Farmer's Mills were married at the above place on the 27th ult., Rev. Fischer officiating.  
—Lewis M. Brisbin of Gettysburg, was found dead last Wednesday morning, in his sleeping apartments over the Gettysburg Bank, of which he was teller. He was aged 50 years.  
—The bill prohibiting the sale of intoxicating drinks on Decoration Day was passed finally in the House on Tuesday, by a vote of 109 to 88. Now take the same action on Thanksgiving Day which would be equally, if not more, appropriate.  
—One day last week Mr. James H. Rankin, who for a number of years has been associated with Mr. Bond Valentine, in the insurance business, severed his connection with that office. Mr. Rankin is a lawyer by profession, and also one of the oldest insurance men in our town.  
—An application has been made to the Governor for a charter for a company to be known as the Coal Dale Coal Company to be formed for the mining and selling of coal, manufacturing and selling coke, etc., by a number of gentlemen, D. H. Hastings of this place, being one of them.  
—There was weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, in a certain newspaper office in this town, last week, and all because the CENTRE DEMOCRAT did not notice a certain puny reporter, and the puny sheet he represents. But if the little boy desires it we will continue noticing him at the same rate as heretofore charged—29 cents per line.  
—A social hop will be given in Armory Hall on Tuesday evening, April 12, for which quite a number of invitations have been issued. J. L. Murphy, John Trafford, James Hull and Frank Wescott compose the committee of arrangements, and from this fact we can assure all who attend, a pleasant evening's enjoyment. Good order will be maintained and the Bellefonte orchestra will furnish the music. Grand march at 9 o'clock. Tickets fifty cents.  
—Rev. Ira C. Mitchell, at one time one of the most brilliant members of the Bellefonte Bar, is preaching at Wellsburg, West Virginia, and is one of the corresponding editors of the Christian Leader, of Cincinnati. Mr. Mitchell is gifted far above the ordinary man and has a mind well stored with information. As a lawyer at the Centre County Bar he was remarkable for his abilities even among men who have since occupied the bench. Mr. Mitchell's friends will be pleased to know that he is getting along nicely and doing good work.  
—A large number of persons were present at the Catholic church on Sunday morning last the occasion being the Feast of Palms, which commemorates the entry of Christ into Jerusalem. This ancient religious festival has been observed since an early period on the Sunday preceding Easter. In the Catholic church the custom is observed in all its early simplicity. The palms are blessed, and after mass they are distributed among the congregation, and are carried by the people throughout the day.  
—We noticed William Ishler, of Benner township, going through town with a pair of beautiful young horses. William keeps the best stock to be had, is a successful farmer and a sterling Democrat. One who never falters in his duty to his party and whose word when pledged is always kept inviolate it is men of this stamp who make a party respected, and whose labors are always disinterested. Mr. Ishler has lived on one farm for nineteen years and has during all that period had a Republican landlord.  
—George W. Smith formerly of Moshannon, has removed to Boyceville Virginia, and writes us to forward his paper there. Also informs us that he likes his new place of residence very much, and states that plowing is nearly all done, and that gardens are made and all planted. Horses are high in price, and for a good cow he was asked \$40. Corn is selling for 45 cents per bushel; wheat 90, and oats 25. The people are kind and accommodating, climate healthy, and all in all it is a desirable place to live.  
—On last Monday night the members of the Millsburg Odd Fellows Lodge installed a new regime of officers, and after the installation exercises were over, proceeded to A. A. Kohlbecker's hotel for a few hours enjoyment. The excellent hostess had prepared a sumptuous supper and the 35 or 40 participants devoured chicken, veal, ham, deserts, cake and other choice and palatable dainties with a relish that testified their appreciation of the many good things spread before them. It was indeed an elegant repast, and partaken of by many of Millsburg's best citizens, who will ever remember the royal treat given them by their respected host and hostess.

—ORITARY.—John H. Fortney died at his home in Tyrone, Blair county, at half-past eight o'clock on Sunday morning, April 3, 1887. If there is any joy and comfort to be had in dying on a bright, beautiful and balmy day, the dear one just passed away, had it in all the effulgence of its glory. During all the long, dreary winter he suffered and hoped, and struggled against death, in the full belief that when spring time would come he would get better and be permitted to enjoy life and the love and comfort of his family for a long time to come. So, it could not be. In the very first hours of spring, death wins, the struggle is over, and the brave, loving soul is permitted to enter upon that endless spring "where there shall be no night, nor need of candle neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light; and they shall reign forever and ever."  
John H. Fortney was born on the 23d day of June, A. D. 1836, and at the time of his death was aged fifty years, nine months and ten days. In 1851 or 1852, being then 15 or 16 years of age, he entered the tailoring establishment of Hugh Harphman, who at that time carried on a large and prosperous business in Boalsburg, this county, for the purpose of learning the trade. He spent five years serving as an apprentice, and at the end of that time he came out perfect master of his chosen trade. After this for a time he carried on the business in Boalsburg himself. From the spring of 1859 to the spring of 1861 he carried on the same business at McAleery's Fort, Huntingdon county.  
On the 19th day of August, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, 148th Regiment of Pa. Vols. From that day to the end of the war his time was spent in the service of his country. On the march from Washington to Falmouth in December, 1862, he contracted the disease that finally terminated in his death. The regiment, up to this time, had not experienced any of the real hardships and privations of war. Enlisted as it had been in August, 1862, it did nothing but camp and guard duty at Cockeysville, Maryland, until about the 10th or 12th of December, when it was ordered to join the army of the Potomac. The weather, during the time this march was made, was exceedingly cold, the ground covered with snow, with nothing to shelter them from the storm, compelled to lie in the snow at night, the men suffered more from cold and exposure than at any other period during the entire time of their service. For some time after the regiment had reached Falmouth and gone into winter quarters it lost men very rapidly as the result of the exposure, made necessary by this march.  
Before the campaign of 1863, which resulted in the defeat of the Union army at Chancellorsville he was put upon detached duty, at which he discharged the full duty of a soldier during the entire term of his service. He had an absolute horror of the hospital. When ordered there by the regimental surgeon, in the spring of 1863, he begged the officers of the company to have the order changed, and let him remain with his comrades, and this led to his being put on duty at brigade headquarters, in which capacity he was relieved of many of the hardships and privations of camp and the march. In this duty he was not deprived of the company and association of those with whom he had enlisted. He was a great favorite with companies D & G. When the boys of these companies drew clothing which did not fit them well, John was hunted up, and when the garments came from his hands they answered perfectly the purposes for which they were intended. After his return from the army he again commenced work at his trade, first at Pine Grove, then at Linden Hall, then Boalsburg and in October 1881 he moved to Tyrone where he engaged in the merchant tailoring business with C. J. Kegel. In any department of his trade he had no superior in Central Penna. Suits made by him always fit and retained their shape as long as they could be worn.  
In November 1868 he was married to Miss Jane Reel. By this union he leaves five bright and loving children, who, with the loving and devoted wife, mourn his death. No wife ever waited upon or cared for a husband more devotedly. His long period of sickness and suffering was brightened by a devotion as unparalleled as it was uncommon. No wish was left ungratified and no want unattended to. Everything that would lighten the burden or add to the joy of the sufferer was done at the very moment it would help and relieve the most.  
In April 1866 he united with the Lutheran church at Pine Grove, and from that day to the hour of his death he was an earnest, honest follower of the meek and lowly Jesus. Often during the last few years of his life would he betake himself to his room for secret prayer, "that he who seeketh in secret might reward him openly." Nothing but divine strength could have given him the unbounded faith and patience he exercised during his many years of pain and suffering. It is over and at

the end of it all he was enabled to exclaim, "O! death, where is thy sting? O! grave, where is thy victory?"  
The funeral took place at Pine Grove on Tuesday, April 5th. A large number of friends and neighbors followed the remains to their last resting place. A very beautiful and impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. H. M. Oberholtzer, pastor of the Lutheran church at Tyrone, from the words "In my Father's house there are many mansions if it were not so I would have told you; I go to prepare a place for you, that when I am there ye may be also."  
—Mingle's shoe store.  
—We see by the Lock Haven papers that the Central State Normal School has opened its spring term with a large number of students. We are indeed pleased to note the continued prosperity of this institution, and since the beautiful river city has aroused herself from her lethargic state and taken an active interest in everything that in any way adds to the interest and development of the town and her natural advantages, she will no doubt soon lay claim to educational advantages second to none in the state. Her public schools are excellent, and the Normal located there stands on a par with any in the state. In point of location it is unsurpassed if equaled by any other school of the kind in the state. Situated upon an eminence north and west of the city with the beautiful and picturesque mountains for a back ground, it commands a most imposing view of the country around, the beautiful west branch of the Susquehanna river, and the city of Lock Haven with its domes and cupolas, the grand old mountains towering up to the heavens all contribute to make the scene magnificently grand. The trustees and citizens may justly be proud of the institution and the grand work it is doing.  
—Now that spring is about here we would suggest that the street committee of Council give some attention to street crossings. There is scarcely a crossing in town that is worthy the name. But probably the one at the intersection of Allegheny and Bishop streets needs the promptest attention. It is considerably lower than the grade of the street and in wet weather is almost impassable, the mud being as deep there as on the thoroughfare. It was, we believe, placed there as an experiment, and as such is practically a failure. East Bishop street, from Allegheny to Penn, is also badly in need of proper grading as it is worse than a country road. Some filling was done there last spring but it was insufficient, the condition of the street not being improved in the least. We would suggest that the members of Council inspect the places complained of, after the next heavy rain, and then take some steps towards their improvement.  
—Theodore Gordon, who had been lying very low with paralysis for the past two weeks, died at his residence on Bishop street, on Monday at 6 o'clock. Deceased was 44 years of age and well known to our people. He was a quiet, gentlemanly unassuming young man with hosts of warm personal friends. His death was of course expected after he was stricken down with paralysis, but prior to that time he was apparently in perfect health. He leaves a wife but no children: His mother still lives in town. Cyrus Gordon Esq. of Clearfield, Leslie Gordon, James Gordon and Newton Gordon, are his brothers. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and was very largely attended. Theodore Gordon was a man who had many excellent qualities among which was a sunny disposition, and a kindly heart. We extend our sympathies to his bereaved family in this dark hour of sorrow.  
—We are in receipt of a copy of "The Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb for the year 1886," just issued at Philadelphia. The report shows that during that year the number of pupils under instruction was 502, of which 64 were discharged and 5 died, making the present number 433, of whom 284 are boys and 149 are girls. The receipts from all sources amounted to \$92,403.13, and the total expenditure was \$115,695.79. The excess penditure \$23,192.66 was supplied from other resources. Endowments amounting to upwards of four thousand dollars were also received. The school is in a prosperous condition, and under an able corp of officers and instructors.  
—Mingle's shoe store.  
—There was no school on Tuesday and Wednesday at the high school on account of the death of one of the teachers, Prof. D. O. Eters, Philipsburg Journal.  
The Journal man was misinformed. Prof. Eters is alive and well, and attending to his duties as usual. A relative of his died and school was closed for a few days to allow him to attend the funeral.  
—Forty-one Italian laborers arrived in Philipsburg last Thursday, and were taken to Houtzdale, where they will work on a branch railroad now being built.

—COUNCIL MEETING.—A regular meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was held on Monday evening, and some business of importance was transacted.  
J. W. Gephart requested that the water pipes be extended to the row of houses being erected by himself and J. L. Spangler on the corner of Spring street and Fifth avenue, which was referred to the Water Committee.  
E. Robb asked for a reduction of his water tax, which was referred to the Finance Committee.  
A petition asking that Cherry alley be abandoned and a new street opened, was referred to the Street Committee, with instructions to report at the next meeting.  
Requests to grade Curtin street, to pipe water from Curtin to Beaver street, and to extend water for fire protection out Willow Bank street and on Reynolds avenue were referred to the proper committees.  
Bids were received for the erection of the Undine hose house from a number of gentlemen. On motion the excavation and masonry work was let to J. A. McCafferty and the building to Mr. Bradley, their bids being the lowest—\$759.  
The Hook and Ladder question was next taken up, when Mr. Brouse moved that council purchase and pay for the truck and give it to the Logan Hose company. Motion lost.  
A motion was made by Mr. Brew that the Fire and Police committee confer with Mrs. Curtin in regard to the lease of the building which she owns, for the accommodation of the truck and also negotiate for a lease for a term of years, reporting to council. This Mr. Munson moved to amend as follows: That the action of the Fire and Police committee in giving the truck in charge of the Coronet Hook and Ladder Company be ratified by council, and that the Fire and Police committee confer with the trustees elected by said Hook and Ladder Company as to a suitable place in which to house said truck. The amendment was lost and the original motion carried.  
By request of the chief Burgess the present efficient police force was retained, but the salary of the Chief was reduced to \$20 per month and that of the assistants placed at \$15.  
—Personal.  
L. O. Meek arrived home from Washington last week.  
Joel Tressler and son of Walker, were welcome callers at our office on Saturday.  
Dr. T. R. Hayes of Pasadena, California is in town, while his estimable wife is spending a few days with Gov. Beaver's wife at Harrisburg.  
D. F. Fortney, Esq., went to Tyrone on Sunday, whither he was called by the death of his brother, full particulars of which we give in another column.  
Theodore Shultz and wife of Renovo, spent a few days in town this week, the guests of their brother-in-law Mr. C. P. Hilder. Miss Shultz, sister of the above gentleman, whose home is in Petersburg, Huntingdon county, was also a guest at the same place.  
We received a call from M. L. Chadman, associate editor of the Tionesta Democrat, on Monday. Mr. Chadman was a former resident of this county and at one time attended State College. He is a pleasant gentleman and a welcome caller at this office.  
Daniel Lesh, of Zion, one of Walker township's sturdiest Democrats paid his respects to the DEMOCRAT. Mr. Lesh is a fine specimen of manhood, broad shouldered, muscular, and getting along towards his three score and ten, and looks the picture of good health and contentment.  
Mrs. Sadie Larimer wife of Dr. Farrey Larimer, formerly of Lock Haven, departed on last Tuesday evening for the thriving western city of Omaha, Neb., where she will join her husband who started west to that city a year or so ago to practice in his profession. She took her family of three boys with her and they will make their future home in the west. Mrs. L's maiden name was Miss Sadie Curtin, daughter of Mr. John Curtin on Linn street. As this connection is very large they will be missed by many friends and relatives. We bespeak for them a safe journey and a prosperous future.  
—SHARON, April 4, 1887.  
R. C. Irvin, manager of Opera House.—Benedict's Monte Cristo is a good show. Boom it. JNO. FOSTER, Manager Opera House.  
The above is a copy of a telegram received here on Monday, and means just what it says. Mr. Benedict is a good actor, is supported by a powerful company and will give one of the best entertainments witnessed here for a long time.  
—Mingle's shoe store.  
—Remington Bros., newspaper advertising agents of Pittsburg, have been compelled to seek larger quarters, and have removed to the elegant new Penn. building on Penn. avenue, near 7th street, where they will occupy all of the entire floor of the second story, which will be handsomely fitted up. The Remingtons conduct an excellent Advertising Bureau, and the great increase of business necessitated this change. We wish them continued success.

—Wednesday noon says the Lock Haven Express while the family of P. Pflingler, who lives on Fairview street, were eating dinner, a coffee pot filled with boiling hot coffee was accidentally overturned, and the contents spilled upon an infant child that lay in a cradle near the table. The child was terribly scalded about the head and breast.  
—Aiden Benedict's Powerful Monte Cristo Company, of New Orleans, will give one of their excellent entertainments in Humes Hall on Monday evening, April 11th. This is one of the best companies on the road, and never fails to please. Mr. Benedict will place in the hands of John D. Sourbeck one thousand dollars as a guarantee that his company will give the best satisfaction or the money will be refunded to those so desiring. Seats on sale at Sourbeck's. Prices as usual.  
—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has discovered after a thorough test that five passenger cars can be well heated by steam supplied from a locomotive. The tests have been conducted for some time on local passenger trains running between New York and Jersey City, on the New York division. Yesterday it was announced that the tests had been so universally satisfactory that the plan could be put into operation throughout the system of the Pennsylvania Railroad. In the office of the General Manager of the company, it was stated that tests had not been hastened by recent disasters, but they had been going on for more than a year, having only recently been brought to a degree of satisfaction.  
—Mingle's shoe store.  
UNIONVILLE.  
Our beautiful and enticing village is at present most charmingly illuminated at nights by pale Phoebus, but when she hides her silvery visage from our view, we are left in utter darkness, notwithstanding we are well supplied with street lamps, which stand at all the principal corners of our streets like so many sentinels, but fail to give us light. To the town Council we would say, by all means give us light.  
Mr. W. H. Basford, our enterprising miller, is doing an extensive and flourishing business at the old Unionville mills, in the way of manufacturing flour and feed which he sells at bottom prices. Mr. B. has only lived here since last November, but he has already won the esteem and is held in highest regard by all our citizens.  
Prof. W. C. Miller, who taught school for the last two years at Jonesville, Clearfield county, is at home at present staying a short time with his parents. He will leave in a few days for Clearfield when he will enter the Law firm of Murray and Gordon, when he expects to become a deciple of Blackstone. Clark is a self-made young man and a model worthy to pattern after. He is bound to climb and will doubtless make his mark in the future. Study well the Fee bill, Clark.  
Mr. Samuel Brugger has a remarkably prolific flock of ewes, five of which gave birth to thirteen lambs, three have two each, one has triplets and one had four, three of which are living. The latter raised triplets last year.  
Our schools will close in a few days much to the joy of the urchins and relief of the teachers. Then woe to the angle worms and minnies.  
Misses Fannie Blair and Laura Ramberger, of our town, anticipate going to Bellefonte Academy the coming summer, traveling back and forth on school tickets.  
Charley Pratt, who is clerking in the store of G. W. Dickey & Co. at Houtzdale, was home on a visit to his parents over Sunday. Charley has been in the employ of G. W. Dickey & Co. for about four years, which is certainly an evidence of his popularity, as a clerk.  
What our town needs is a boom, we have the enterprise water power and shipping facilities, but lack capital. Come in, some of you monied men, and build manufactures of some kind, if nothing better start a hennery on a large scale and raise capons, you'll soon become as rich as Croesus.  
Mr. J. Wilbur Smith, the popular young President of the Unionville temperance society, will close his school in a few weeks.  
—Mingle's shoe store.  
—NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Baltimore 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.  
MARRIED.  
YEARICK—STOVER.—On the 21st of March, by Rev. D. O. Snowmaker, Harry S. Yearick and Kate V. Stover, all of Jacksonville.  
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THOMPSON—MITCHELL.—On Thursday, March 24th, by Rev. Dr. B. Hummel, Mr. William H. Thompson of Hutchinson, Kansas, to Miss Mary Mitchell, of Lemont.