

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.

—Book Binding.—We are now prepared to do all kinds of book binding at reasonable rates and will guarantee all work. Send in your books, papers, magazines, etc., and have them bound.

—Mingle's shoe store. —Prints at 3c.—Lyon & Co. —Fresh fish at Jacobs' 25c. —All liquor licenses will expire to-day.

—Clearfield has a new Board of Trade. —Shirting at 7c, Embroideries 1c.—Lyon & Co.

—Blank ore options at the CENTRE Democrat office. —All our hotels are doing a rushing business this week.

—Ladies' imitation French kid button shoes \$2.00.—Lyon & Co. —The foundations are being laid for six new houses in Centre Hall.

—There was an unusually large attendance at court on Monday. —Have you tried Brockerhoff's new "High Straight Grade" flour yet?

—Sixty guests placed their autographs on the Brockerhoff House register Monday. —May 11th is the day set for the meeting of the Democratic State Committee.

—D. H. Forsman, a prominent citizen of Williamsport died in that city on Thursday last. —The regular term of April court began on Monday. Forty civil cases are on the calendar.

—Ice cream every day at Jacobs' delivered in any quantities to families at shortest notice. —An ordinance is before the Altoona Council providing for an electric fire alarm system in that place.

—A new building will shortly be erected on the site of those destroyed by fire at Milesburg last week. —The home of W. B. Rankin was made happy on Wednesday afternoon by the appearance of a boy baby.

—The body of Mrs. Abt, an old lady who died at Lock Haven, was yesterday brought to Bellefonte for interment. —Yesterday was General Grant's birthday and the event was appropriately celebrated by the G. A. R. Posts of the county.

—On Monday the Bush House, Bush Arcade property and the Bush residence was sold at Sheriff's sale to Jacob Toms for \$25,000. —Our millinery stores are well stocked with spring hats and bonnets and the "head of the family" will soon be well stocked with milliner's bills.

—We regret to learn of the death of the infant child of Solomon Shay, of Milesburg, which occurred on Saturday. The funeral took place on Sunday. —The Sons of Veterans held a meeting on Tuesday evening for the purpose of making arrangements for the proper celebration of Decoration Day.

—It is expected that the iron works in course of erection at the fair grounds by the Collins Bros., will be ready for the manufacture of iron by October 1st. —Fauble's new clothing and furnishing store presents a new appearance. A large stock of goods is kept on hand, which will be sold at rock-bottom prices.

—The Reporter says the Northern Conference of the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran church will be held in the brick church in Penn Hall, in May. —The Valentines Ore Land Association works are rapidly nearing completion. All the late improved machinery furnaces and stoves will be used in these works, and a quality of iron second to none will be manufactured there. The buildings are quite commanding in appearance.

—On Tuesday afternoon W. E. Gray Esq., made his maiden effort before a jury, and the plea he made in behalf of his clients was forcible, and pointed. He is an excellent orator and doubtless will reach an enviable position among our legal lights. —The case of the three girls charged with causing the death of John Akeley near Lewistown last Christmas, was called up for trial at Lewistown last week. After taking some testimony and the discovery that an error had been made in the indictments, the Commonwealth abandoned the case and the girls were given their liberty. —Senator Reynolds, with his committee on appropriations, visited the Normal School at Lock Haven, and after investigating the building the committee decided that the \$15,000 appropriation asked for, was needed, and will report favorably thereon. The committee arrived at Bellefonte Tuesday morning and proceeded to State College, an appropriation also being asked for that institution.

—Mingle's shoe store. —Muslins at 4c.—Lyon & Co. —Fresh Breadcrumbs at Jacobs' 50c. —Lace flouncing 1 yard wide 50c.—Lyon & Co.

—The Beech Creek Railroad Company has resumed the sale of thousand mile tickets. —W. Clark Miller, of Milesburg, is reading law with McEnally and McCurdy, at Clearfield, says the Democrat. —A good rafting flood on the West Branch last week had the effect of stocking the eastern markets with timber.

—Ed. Powers can and will sell his excellent stock of boots and shoes at such prices as will astonish you. All goods warranted. —A neat and valuable publication is that issued by the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, called "A Pocket Gazetteer, of Pennsylvania." It contains a condensed history of all the counties of the state and the information furnished is interesting and useful. The publishers have our thanks for a copy.

—James Steel, a brother of our townsman, W. L. Steele, died at his home near Pleasant Gap on Wednesday last. The funeral took place on Friday, and was one of the largest ever witnessed in that section. Interment was made in Union cemetery, this place. Deceased was a highly respected citizen and had many warm friends. His disease was consumption.

—Col. Wm. A. Witherup, Grand Patriarch, Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, and D. F. V. Van Arsdale, East Grand Master, A. O. U. E. Penna., were in town visiting our Judge and during their short stay gave the Democrat a pleasant call. They are both pleasant and entertaining gentlemen, and with men of their abilities at the head of order can go far wrong.

—Prattonary L. A. Schaeffer has the thanks of the Democrat force for the treat tendered them on last Wednesday evening. Lew knows the propensity of printers for ice cream, and on the evening mentioned invited the typos, "devil" and all, to accompany him to Ceadler's parlor, where the delicious cream and splendid cake were punished as only printers could punish them. Now don't any body else take a notion to follow Lew's example, lest it spoil us.

—The Union Temperance meeting under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. in the Methodist church on last Sunday evening was largely attended, and the services of an interesting nature. The ministers who took part in the exercises were Revs. Monroe, Laurie and Snyder. Rev. Laurie delivered the discourse of the evening, dwelling upon the liquor question and its evils. The granting of licenses was also discussed. The music was excellent, the many fine singers in the choir making it impossible to be otherwise.

—The Convocation of Williamsport assembled in the Episcopal church here on Tuesday evening. Rev. William C. Leberette of Bloomsburg, delivered an excellent sermon to an appreciative audience. On Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock a business meeting was held, and at 10:30 the Holy Communion was celebrated. Rev. Charles Morrison of Sanbury, delivered the sermon. At 2 o'clock another business meeting was held and in the evening missionary services took place.

—Ye Olde Folkes Concerto came off in Humes' Hall on Monday evening and was very much enjoyed by those present. The Hall was crowded and the gallery well filled with appreciative boys who did the evening to perfection. The ushers who as the bills said were "well favored young men", were Harde Harris, Willie Keller and Scottie Harris, who were dressed in elegant costumes of the 17th century and gallantly showed "ye people to" comfortable settings. The Bellefonte Orchestra opened the concert with a choice selection. Miss Sallie Hoffer and Miss Mollie Peifer sang the "swallows farwell" in good style, and were followed by Jas. Hughes and "ye company" in "Cousin Jedediah" a tableau in two parts was very good, John Bullock sitting on a flour barrel with a Mandolin is serenading his "lady love" who a la Juliet gazes rapturously at her Romeo. Scene two represents the old gent at the window in the act of emptying a bucket of water on the gallant Romeo the head of the flour barrel has fallen on and nothing is seen but John's boots sticking up out of the barrel, and such feet. Miss Lulu Harper sang the "spider and the fly," and little Grace Lukenbach and Paul Snyder sang a ditty which took well. Charley Noll told how Sockety set his hen, and did it in real good style. He was called back and rendered a second piece. Misses Krape and Twitmire sang "two merry girls" who did not intend to get married but after wards concluded they would. James Hughes surprised and electrified his audience by the way in which he sang "theres nothing surprising in that." The male quartette consisting of Messrs Hughes, Lambkey, Shafer and Laurie entertained the audience with a medley. We of course could not attempt to give all the good things, it is enough to say however that ye concerto was delightful and ye profits large.

—Considerable excitement occurred upon the arrival of the 5 p. m. train Saturday evening, occasioned by the sale of a certain slanderous paper published in Williamsport, and which it is claimed contained a libelous article in reference to one of our best citizens. The sale of the paper had been stopped in the morning, and the fact telegraphed to the business manager, District Lamade. This gentleman, it appears, replied by telegraph, that he would be up in the evening and see that the papers were circulated. When the train arrived the news agent, a young man named McGaughey, stepped from the platform and disposed of a large number of the papers in question in a very short time, and, as he expressed it, "without returning any change." About this time County Detective Mollen, assisted by officers Foulk and Gares stepped forward and arrested McGaughey and Lamade, and conducted them to Squire Linn's office, where the warrant was read, Lamade requested the privilege of securing an attorney, which was granted, and the hearing postponed for half an hour. At the expiration of this time a large crowd gathered in front of the squire's office, all anxious to be present at the hearing. The two prisoners, accompanied by their attorney, D. F. Fortney, Esq., shortly appeared, and at this point Mr. Linn used his authority to such an extent as to exclude every body not connected with the case, from the room. Why this action was taken we are unable to say, but we are of the opinion it was out of place. The news boy was discharged and Lamade waived a hearing, whereupon he was held in the sum of \$1000 bail, which, after much delay, was furnished, a Bellefonte gentleman signing the bond. The case was set down for Monday morning's court.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs Geo. W. Reinhart and Deitrick Lamade indicted for libel, and who plead guilty, the court on Wednesday morning sentenced Reinhart to six months in the County Jail, pay the costs of prosecution and a fine of \$1000. Lamade gave bail in the sum of \$5000 for his appearance at court on the second Monday of June when the court will pass sentence on him. Lamade's sentence was deferred because of the delicate health of his wife. Much has been said on this case and many have been prone to condone the publication of the libelous article, but the fact remains that innocent and highly respected people have been made to suffer. The young men who have just been sentenced, have made all the reparation that is in their power and have been punished severely. We have no words of personal censure for the young men, but for the illegitimate journalism of which they are exponents, we have always had feelings of disgust.

The field of legitimate and honorable journalism is large, and honors and profit are in store for those who excel in any of its departments. To this field should these young men have turned their attention. That they were not familiar with the law of libel, or that the story which they published was common rumor is no excuse nor do they offer those facts as palliating circumstances. They have been running the same risk ever since they have been on that paper, and fortunately for the general public, which has long suffered from this literary poisoning, they struck at a party who hesitated not to strike back in defense of his honor and the peace and happiness of his family. We are sorry for all parties concerned and wish it could have been otherwise. It is, however, the first knock-down for the so-called "Sunday" paper and will have a good effect on their moral tone in the future. These young men got adrift in a bad current and have been shipwrecked, they will get ashore and start anew. Both are bright, intelligent, and bear good reputations at home so far as we can learn, and need not be cast down. The man who smokes in a powder house may expect an explosion. They had able counsel in D. F. Fortney Esq., of this place and J. J. Metzger, of Williamsport. Mr. Fortney did everything in his power for them even on Saturday last breasting the storm of indignation which at times threatened violence, in securing bail for one of the accused. To lawyers like Messrs. Fortney and Metzger it was apparent from the start that the best thing that could be done, was to plead guilty and ask the mercy of the court. Had there been even a fighting chance on a technicality the case would have gone to trial.

—On last Saturday afternoon Mr. W. R. Kamp, the Bishop street furniture dealer, while at work in his shop, suddenly received an attack of pleurisy of such severity as to prostrate him. Dr. H. K. Hoy was immediately summoned and upon arriving found Mr. Kamp still lying on the floor. The Dr. administered the proper remedies and had him removed to his home, where he remained in a very critical condition until Sunday morning, when he was reported as being much better. We trust it will be but a few days until he will have fully recovered.

—Death of Henry Keller Esq.—The rapid strides of that grim monster—death—in the ranks of Centre county Bar Association, is alarm ing. The last one who has gone to his reward, Henry Keller Esq., was a gentleman of noble character, greatly admired by all, and whose path in life can be followed with profit by the rising generation. Born in Boalsburg, he attended the public schools there during winters, and worked during the summer. At the age of 21 he entered Franklin and Marshall college, at Lancaster Pa., and at the end of his course there commenced the study of theology and was ordained a minister of the Reformed denomination. He then went to Iowa, and there contracted the disease which finally terminated in his death. Returning to Pennsylvania he came to Bellefonte and taught school, at the same time taking up the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1884, but on account of failing health was unable to vigorously follow his profession. Gradually that ever-fatal disease, consumption, tightened its grip, until it was found necessary for him to remain indoors altogether, when he sought the comforts of the home of his beloved mother at Boalsburg, where he lingered and suffered until last Wednesday evening, when his christian soul took its flight to the realms of Heaven. Mr. Keller was buried at Boalsburg on Friday morning, and the funeral was very large, a number of the members of the Bar and others attended.

Deceased was in his 35th year, and leaves four sisters, Mrs. Dr. Rhone, of this place, Mrs. Rev. Hall of Hornesdale, and Misses Clara and Sallie Keller of Boalsburg. Two brothers also survive him—Col. D. S. Keller of this place, and Mr. Frank Keller of Washington D. C.

The Centre County Bar Association held a meeting on Thursday afternoon took appropriate action upon the death of their lamented associate.

—Mingle's shoe store. —Murder or Suicide, which.—Phillipsburg or rather its vicinity has another sensation. Annie Foster a married woman but who has not been living with her husband for some time, and John Hamler started together for Wallacetown on Sunday morning towards evening they started home, when near Loch Lomond Mills they got out of the wagon and entered the woods, shortly afterwards two shots were heard by a man and little girl who were picking tea berries near by. Hamler ran out of the woods when he saw the man and told him that a woman had shot herself. About this time a Dr. DinTiddie by name was passing, he was called but it is said would not go to the woman. The doctor says the man had blood on his hands and that he had a revolver in one hand. Hamler says the woman wanted him to run off with her and when he refused she fired at him and he ran, she then shot herself. Hamler has been arrested and lodged in the Clearfield jail. Mrs. Foster is said to have been a daughter of Hard Richards who killed Dr. Williams some years ago up the Bald Eagle. Hamler was raised up the same valley some place, is a married man and has a family.

The suicide theory is not believed and Hamler's stories are it is said very conflicting. It is doubtless a case of murder. Hamler is comparatively a young man being not more than thirty five years of age, his father was a Lieutenant in the late war, and was killed in battle.

—Mingle's shoe store. —Joshua Foulk, one of Bellefonte's policeman, met with an accident one evening last week, which, while not of a serious nature had the effect of giving him a bad scare. It seems Joshua had gone to Altoona on business, and after two days in that city, took the evening train for home. Now Joshua was never before known to fall asleep on the cars, but being tired and having had no sleep the night before, he soon fell into the arms of Morpheus. The train arrived at Bellefonte and departed again, Joshua still sleeping. The conductor presently made his appearance and demanded "tickets." Then the discovery was made that the officer was being carried away from home. The train was stopped at or near the nail works, and he alighted. The night was dark and being unable to see, the first thing he knew he was lying in a culvert, with a sprained wrist. Picking himself up he continued on his homeward course, crawling on hands and knees when a supposed culvert or cattle guard was near. In this manner he reached town, but is quite safe to say that Joshua Foulk will remain wide awake when traveling in the future.

—Mingle's shoe store. —Owing to the reunion of the survivors of the Sixth army corps on the battlefield of Spotsylvania on May 12 for the dedication of a monument to the memory of the gallant commander, General John Sedgwick, the reunion of the forty-ninth Pennsylvania volunteers, which was to have been held at Bellefonte Pa., on May 18, has been postponed until November next.

Personal. —Alva S. Grow, of Philadelphia, was in town Thursday. —Mr. John Kenyon of Phillipsburg, spent Sunday in this place. —Ira C. Ayres of Laurelton was in attendance at court this week. —Judge Adam Hoy had legal business in Phillipsburg last Wednesday. —John A. McOmber of Phillipsburg, was notified on our streets Tuesday. —We noticed J. W. Newson of Howard, on our streets the early part of the week. —Mrs. Even Huyett of Linden Hall, is a guest at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ludwig. —Miss Kate Wilson, of Hublersburg, spent a few days in town last week, the guest of Mrs. Henry Swartz. —Miss Nora Jacobs, one of Boalsburg's fair daughters, is in town, the guest of her sister, Mrs. William Resides. —Ex-Gov. Patton has been tendered the presidency of the New Chestnut Street National Bank at Philadelphia. —Hon. John J. Metzger, and John F. Mogninnis of Williamsport, were registered at the Brockerhoff House Tuesday. —Miss Lillie Aikens, who has been attending school at Birmingham, returned home on Wednesday evening. She is a daughter of Mr. J. A. Aikens. —John H. Beak of Walker, a juror at court dropped in and paid his subscription, and made the editor happier by \$1.50. What a little thing makes an editor happy.

—Mr. John Singleton, whose home is at Greenwood Furnace, Huntingdon county, but who is employed at Valentines new works, was a pleasant caller at our office Monday. —Geo. W. Lyon, of Pennsylvania Furnace, brother of Stewart S. Lyon, of this place, was in town Thursday. Mr. Lyon is prominently connected with the large iron works located at the furnace. —Mrs. George Chase, who has been visiting her parents at Wolf's Store, this county, departed on Saturday last for New York city, to join her husband, who is engaged in the steam heating business there. —Peter Robb Jr. of Curtin township called to see us on Monday. Mr. Robb is a fine specimen of manhood and a genial companionable young gentleman. Call again, the latch string always hangs on the outside. —Adam Vonada of Z on a fine old gentleman dropped in and paid his respects to the Democrat on Monday. Mr. Vonada had not been in town since before the big fire on the corner, and every thing looked strange to him. —Rev. Daniel Hughes delivered a lecture in the Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening, his subject being "Home Missions." He is a brother of Rev. James F. Hughes, of this place, with whom he is spending a few days. —Mr. Harry Keller, son of Col. D. S. Keller, of this place, and who holds a lucrative position under the Republican administration at Harrisburg, came home to attend the funeral of his uncle Henry Keller, Esq. He remained here over Sunday. —Mr. Arthur Graham of Salt Lick, Clearfield county stopped over in town on his way home from Lock Haven. Mr. Graham had been down the river, he reports a good flood and the rafts about in. Timber except the best of pine, is bringing very low figures. —Mr. Frank Leyman, of Titusville, formerly of this county and son of John Leyman, of Milesburg, was a visitor to our sanctum last week. Mr. Leyman was passing along the street and saw the Democrat sign. It called up old memories and he came in and made himself known. His memory was very fresh on the sale of the old Democrat on the eve of the know-nothing campaign which left the party in the county without a paper. That was one of the deliberate attempts of men who were masquerading in Democratic uniform to kill up the party in the county and for a time it succeeded. The event is fresh in the memory of the older men of the party, but the offense seems long since to have been condoned. —Taffy 20cts per lb at Jacob. Made fresh every day.

—Book Binding.—We are now prepared to do all kinds of book binding at reasonable rates and will guarantee all work. Send in your books, papers, magazines, etc., and have them bound. —Married.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Barr, by Rev. Elliott, April 12, Jesse Piper and Miss Allie Barr, both of Pine Grove Mills. On the 16 April, at the residence of the bride's parents by Rev. H. M. Ash, Mr. Wm. C. Bierly, of Madisonburg, and Miss Ida Mader, of Millinburg. —Ladies kid top fine button shoes \$1.50.—Lyon & Co. —Jacobs' Ice Cream! Lovers of good cream know what it is. Go no where else. Delivered to all parts of the town. —Dress silks 33 and 35c.—Lyon & Co. —Cashmere wool 37, 40 and 45c.—Lyon & Co. —500 pair kid gloves 10c ap.—Lyon & Co.

—A PUBLIC STATEMENT.—We desire to say to the public that the article which appeared in Sunday Grit of April 24th 1887, concerning Bellefonte parties, and for which a prosecution for libel was brought against us, was published upon information which we believed reliable; but upon a thorough investigation of the matter, made since our arrest, we have discovered that there is no foundation for the charge mentioned in the article. We regret that the article in question was published, and we shall do all in our power to repair any injury that may have been done to any party by reason of the publication. It was far from our intention to do any wrong or injustice to any person; therefore we desire to say to the public that the statements as alleged by said article, have been found by us, upon thorough investigation to be wholly and unqualifiedly false. It is a matter of gratification to us, that the publication has led to a thorough investigation of the reports previously afloat, as we understand, in reference to the parties, and has thus demonstrated the utter falsity of the same, and afforded an opportunity for a full and complete vindication. GEO. W. BIANHARD, DISTRICT CLERK, Bellefonte, Pa., April 27, 1887.

—COURT NOTES.—Regular term of court convened on Monday, with Judge Furst and Associates Smith and Munson on the bench. —J. H. Reiffenyder was made foreman of the grand jury. —In the case of the Commonwealth vs. Betsy Goodwin, assault and battery, defendant plead guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$10.00, and costs of prosecution, and undergo an imprisonment in the county jail, for a period of three months. —Brown the hotel thief, who stole blankets from the Brockerhoff House was on Tuesday brought before the court, and upon pleading guilty as charged, was sentenced to \$1.00 fine, costs of prosecution, and undergo an imprisonment in the western Penitentiary for a period of one year. There is still another indictment against this man, which will be disposed of at the expiration of the present sentence. —The petitions for license were presented to the court on Monday, but were held over until to-day, when action will be taken. —In the matter of the Commonwealth vs. Nicholas Monat and Joseph McCuen for creating a disturbance at Snow Snow, the jury rendered a verdict of guilty in manner and form as indicted. The sentence of the court in each case was a fine of five dollars, cost of prosecution and two months imprisonment in the county jail. —Brack Powell colored, who created the disturbance at Garman's Hotel, some time since, was on Tuesday morning, upon pleading guilty, sentenced to \$1.00 fine, costs of prosecution and undergo an imprisonment in the county jail for a period of 60 days. —Mingle's shoe store. —List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Bellefonte Centre Co., Penna., April 25th, 1887. —Mrs. Sallie Conrad; John Haggerty 3 Chas. H. Huston; John Hogan; C. P. Hargess; James Kelley; Rev. G. Livingston; John Morrison; Miss Jane Morris; Bridget McLanahan; Patrick McGlynn; Kring McCormick; Mrs. J. E. Nelson; Mrs. Rebecca Parker. —Persons inquiring for letters named in the above list, will please say advertised. —Mingle's shoe store. —Good dress buttons 5c a doz.—Lyon & Co. —Mingle's shoe store. —Crinkled seersuckers at 5c.—Lyon & Co.

—On Thursday of last week, Frank Washburn while at work in the "Washburn Drift" at R. B. Wigton & Son's mines, was buried by a fall of earth and rock, and almost suffocated before he was rescued. He was badly bruised and had his jaw bone broken. We learn that he is able to get around again. He had a very narrow escape from a horrible death.—Phillipsburg Ledger. —At Powers' store may be found boots and shoes of the finest quality, and at prices within the reach of everybody. —Fresh bread and rolls in time for breakfast every morning at Jacobs'. —Mingle's shoe store. —The finest, best and cheapest boots, shoes and rubbers at Powers' shoe store. 16 St. —Ginghams at 5c.—Lyon & Co. —Try Jacobs' 5c box of cough drops, finest in the market for coughs and colds. 15-st. —CHRIST'S SCHOOL OF BUSINESS.—Pupils entering upon our regular course of study on or before May 1st can have the advantage of the following special rates. Tuition, three months, \$25, Tuition, Books and Board, three months, \$75. S. N. Christa Principal, Lock Haven, Pa.