

# The Centre Democrat.

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## Local Department.

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An effort is being made to re-organize the Centre Hall band.

The continued rain and cold weather will not prove beneficial to the corn crop.

The commencement exercises at the State College this year promises to be largely attended.

The new National bank has been organized at Renovo, with James A. Williamson as president.

The small boy is saving his pennies in anticipation of the treat he will receive when the show arrives.

Wallace's bill car No. 1 was in Bellefonte Friday, and billed the town for the show which is to be here on the 17th inst.

Owing to the muddy condition of the streets Co. B. did not engage in the skirmish drill announced to take place Tuesday evening.

A lot of new furniture will be exposed to public sale, on the Diamond, on next Saturday. Do not fail to be present if you desire a bargain.

Mrs. Maggie Beizer, of near Bellefonte and Frank Bosch of Williamsport, were married at Lock Haven on Tuesday, by Alderman Orin T. Noble.

Patrick McDonnell, of Vail, died on last Thursday, aged 82 years. He was the grandfather of Mrs. McDonnell, residing at Unionville, this county.

An employe in William Utz's blacksmith shop had his arm badly cut on Friday, caused by a flying piece of steel coming in contact with that member.

Rev. Steek preached at Clearfield last Sunday, and his pulpit here was ably filled by Rev. Woodcock. Rev. Monroe preached at the State College during the afternoon.

Some of our Penna Valley friends were taken in by a man peddling what appears to be sweetened water. The farmers bought it for medicine, paying one dollar per bottle.

The commencement exercises of the Central State Normal School at Lock Haven, will be held during the week, commencing June 19th. The exercises will last until Thursday night.

The Omaha Daily Herald, containing 48 pages or 335 columns, reached us Wednesday. Judging from the amount of space occupied by advertisers, the business men of the west are an enterprising set.

A harp and two violins manipulated by a lady and two gentlemen, attracted a large crowd on Allegheny street Monday evening. The lady added to the music by singing several lively selections.

Captain Jack, selling Indian medicine in the Diamond, draws large crowds nightly, not so much for the medicine as to witness the slight-of-hand performance he gives. He also preforms with snakes.

Up to last Saturday twenty-five applications for schools had been received by Secretary of the School Board, Rankin. There are fifteen schools to be filled, and the election for teachers will likely be held the latter part of June.

J. L. Spangler's oration at Lewis-town on decoration day was a masterly effort both as to rhetoric and oratory so say our exchanges. Of course the major would please the people of Lewis-town, as he is an eloquent speaker and a pleasant and agreeable gentleman.

We return thanks to Superintendent Savage, of Clearfield county for a copy of the *Official Journal* of the State Teachers Association, which meets at Clearfield on July 5th, 6th, and 7th. It is a neat publication and contains the programme and other information regarding the convention.

James Gramley of Miles township desires us to contradict the rumors flying around as to his being a candidate for County Treasurer. He will not be a candidate at this time and desires his friends to know it. Mr. Gramley is one of the earnest and hard working Democrats of the county and some day will doubtless be rewarded for his party zeal.

Mr. Coke Bell and Miss Annie Brooks, of near Pleasant Gap, will, on the 16th of this month, be united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the residence of the father of the bride near Pleasant Gap. The groom is a very worthy young man, having all the good qualities to make a companion for the bride through life. The bride is a young lady well known here and elsewhere and will do all in her power to make life all sunshine for the groom.

Wallace's show will exhibit in Bellefonte one week from to-morrow. Sentence will be pronounced upon Dietrick Lamade manager of *Grit* next Monday.

That excellent Harrisburg daily *Patriot*, appeared on Tuesday topped off by a neat new head-dress.

F. W. Crider has purchased three lots on Curtin street, and will erect thereon convenient dwelling houses. Gradually that street is being improved and built up.

The Pennsylvania Editorial Association will go on an excursion to Lury Cavern and Virginia Natural Bridge this year. The excursion will leave Harrisburg, June 21st.

In the face of the fact that we have no licensed hotels at this end of the county, it was surprising to see the amount of drunkenness on last Saturday and Monday.—*Millheim Journal*.

Beizer's still house was discovered to be on fire early Tuesday morning. The flames were extinguished before any serious damage was done. There was no insurance.

J. C. Derr is one of the most successful auctioneers in this section of the county. He has had a large number of sales during the season, and has quite a number on hand.

Albert Lucas is agent for the Manufacturers Accident Indemnity Company of the United States, which has a reserved fund of \$50,000. The company is first class and pays its benefits promptly.

Do not fail to attend the festival to be held by the Y. M. C. A. in their rooms over the Centre County Bank on Friday and Saturday evenings of this week. All visitors will be pleasantly entertained.

The *Journal* says there will likely be a Frank labor demonstration at Philipsburg on July 4th, and Henry George, of New York, and other prominent friends of united labor are expected to be present.

Samuel Schaeffer, George L. Potter and J. C. Weaver were ordained Elders in the Presbyterian church on Sunday. Rev. Laurie, D. D., assisted by Governor Beaver, Judge Furst, James Harris and E. C. Humes, conducted the exercises.

We neglected to mention last week that the Logan Fire company had received new suits. The members appeared on Decoration Day, dressed in them, and presented a handsome appearance. White caps, bright red shirts and dark pantaloons is the combination.

Mr. Geo. Chambers, who for several years has acted in the capacity of a corn and bunion doctor, will hereafter sell Indian medicine with "Captain Jack," who entertained our citizens several nights in the Diamond. To be in style George bought a large brimmed hat, and now he looks like "Buffalo Bill."

On Monday evening the oil in a lamp in the hardware store of H. K. Hicks & Bro., ignited, and for a while it looked as though an explosion would follow, but a colored man who happened along, hustled the lamp upon a shovel and carried it into the street before any damage was done.

Vernona is to be supplied with fresh spring water from one of the springs which gush forth above the New Furnace. The water will be forced into a reservoir by an engine at the new works and will be distributed through the town in pipes. Vernona will be well supplied with the best of water, and if her people want the electric light it is but a short distance away and can be had.

James Kimport, of Harris, is a candidate for Treasurer and his name will be found in our list of candidates. Mr. Kimport comes of a good Democratic family, from a strong Democratic township and is a hard working farmer. He has all the qualities requisite for a good officer and comes before his fellow Democrats a clean, strong man. Should he be successful in his canvass he would be elected by a large majority.

On next Sabbath afternoon the young men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. at half past 4 o'clock will be conducted by Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, pastor of the Reform church. We are informed that this reverend gentleman has an especial subject to bring to the attention of the young men of our town and we have reason to believe that all those who attend will be greatly entertained as well as benefited. Let there be a good turnout.

The aspiring editor of the *Daily News*, Sir Newton Bailey has changed his diet and has pronounced himself to be a vegetarian, and this no doubt accounts for the brilliant phrases and the large vocabulary of adjectives he possesses. On last Tuesday before going to dinner he called at a drug store and purchased a bottle of Jamaica Ginger, of course his children were not sick and it was a puzzle to the druggist to know what it meant. But arriving at the grocery store of A. C. Moyer & Bro., he made another valuable purchase that of (One) cucumber. The mystery was solved, and to gaze upon his stately form we imagine that the compound worked like a charm.

On Monday evening the new school Board was organized. The old board had performed its work well, and to the satisfaction of all. There are no changes, as yet, in the personnel. James L. Seibert, who was elected from the West ward, a short time ago removed therefrom, and was debarred from serving. Mr. Seibert is a young man, and would have made an excellent director. D. F. Fortney Esq., and Wm. B. Rankin, whose term would have expired were re-elected last fall, and there fore succeed themselves. The board organized by re-electing Mr. Fortney president. Mr. Fortney makes an efficient executive, has the interest of the schools at heart, and is a hard worker, favoring everything tending to the advancement of education. The above facts are known to the board is evident by his continued election as its president, this being his fourth consecutive term in that capacity. W. B. Rankin Esq., for the second time, was elected secretary, and we doubt whether that office has ever been filled more acceptably than by the present. Jno. P. Harris was also re-elected treasurer. Mr. Harris seems to have a life claim to that office, having served for sixteen or seventeen consecutive years, with the exception of one year, when Mr. John Hoffer served in that capacity. Mr. Harris is the right man in the right place, and we would say keep him there. It was decided to hold in the future, regular meetings on the second Tuesday evening of each month, instead of the first Monday as heretofore. The election to fill the vacancy caused by the inability of Mr. Seibert to serve, will be held at the next regular meeting, and at that time the date for the election of teachers will be set. The board adjourned and in a few moments thereafter, convened in Ceadler's Ice cream parlor, where at the expense of the President, each enjoyed a delicious dish of cream. The President informs us that Treasurer Harris will next have the honor of inviting the members to the same place, and for the same purpose, it being his turn. Individually, and as a body, Bellefonte has a school board of which she may feel proud. In all its deliberations the members have displayed the very best judgment, and the best interests of the people consulted. During the past few years many improvements in educational affairs have been made, and the business conducted economically and intelligently. We heartily tender our congratulations to all concerned.

Harry C. Valentine has retired from the position of superintendent of Valentines' Ore Land Association. Mr. Valentine was highly esteemed by the employes under his charge and on Monday afternoon the pudders and rollers assembled in the office of the firm, and after an appropriate address by Mr. Barry presented him with a handsome gold headed cane. Mr. Valentine responded in appropriate and feeling language, thanking the donors for the gift and expressed his appreciation at the hearty co-operation they had always given him in his efforts to advance the interests of the firm. The affair was most pleasant and heartily enjoyed by all. The retiring superintendent will be succeeded by J. M. Bell.

George W. Rumberger, of Unionville, the gentlemanly and efficient clerk to the county commissioners, is formally announced in our columns this week as a candidate for Register. George is a life long Democrat, an untiring worker and has the highest qualifications for the office. Besides George has a family of thirteen Democrats and is entitled to some recognition at the hands of his party. Of course these Democrats are not all voters and some of them may never be, but then that makes no difference, in a family of thirteen it is not to be expected that all will be boys. George is very popular and well known and while he may not make the most active canvass he will try and make it count.

Joseph Smith of Gregg township announces his name as a candidate for county Treasurer and means to make a gallant fight for the nomination. Gregg township has not had a county office for many years and if her Democrats act wisely and refrain from local fights some one of her candidates can be nominated. They are all good fellows and Mr. Smith's one of them; he is a good Democrat and an honest capable man.

Mr. Wm. Bible residing a short distance below Centre Hall, died on Tuesday night, at an advanced age. The funeral will be held on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment at Centre Hall. Deceased was a highly respected lady, and many friends mourn her death.

On last Monday the Bellefonte Nail Company shipped to various sections of the county, seven car loads of nails. A first-class article is manufactured by this company, and the works are kept busy filling orders.

A car loaded with coal was pushed off the end of the elevated railroad, in Lawrence Brown's coal yard Tuesday.

STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.—The spring meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, was called to order at 9:45 o'clock Wednesday morning. The audience was not very large, but eminently respectable. Among the eminent farmers present, in addition to the visitors, were Judge Furst, Farmer Humes, of the First National Bank; Farmer Dale, Attorney-at-law, and author of "Farming in Centre county;" Farmers Spangler, Fortney, and Meyer, members of the Bellefonte Bar; Farmer Smith of the "Court House Ring;" Farmer Curtin, late Congressman and many other distinguished chin farmers of the Borough. Farmer Aaron Williams took a back seat.

The officers of the society are: President, Jas. A. Beaver (ex-officio). Vice Presidents, M. W. Oliver, Dr. J. P. Edge, S. F. Underwood. Secretary, Thos. J. Edge, Harrisburg. Botanist, Thos. Meehan. Pomologist, E. Satterthwaite. Chemist, Jno. T. A. Geith. Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. F. Bridge. Country Veterinary Surgeon, Prof. R. S. Hindehope.

Microscopist and Hygienist, Dr. H. Luffman, Prof. G. B. Cochran. Entomologist, W. A. Rockhout. Ornithologist, E. H. Warren. Meteorologist, J. T. Ommond, J. L. Hancock. Meserologist, Prof. J. Wilcox. Geologist, Prof. J. P. Lowry.

Nearly all of whom were present. Judge Furst made the address of welcome. He paid a glowing tribute to the agricultural industry of the country, and stated that it is the basis of all prosperity and depends more than any other on the dispensations of providence. Mr. Dale, the Judge, characterized as an ancestral farmer, and Dr. Hale, a member of the State Board was a farmer *ab initio*, and was successful as a farmer chiefly in that he owns nearly all the farms between Bellefonte and Hubersburg. In the Judge's remarks he spoke of the wonderful resources of the county of our booming industries and of the great furnaces now building. The oldest agricultural society was that of Centre county established in 1825 and presided over by Judge Burnside. He made the bones of Logan and Bald Eagle jingle in their grave by his beautiful and touching reference to their good qualities of heart, and perhaps thought that they were now fertilizing the already rich soil of Centre county. Gov. Beaver and Gov. Curtin were properly eulogized by the speaker, and the beautiful fountain came in for its share of praise. All were advised to drink of its waters if they indulged in that liquid, as the bars closed at 10 p. m.

The president of the board being absent, Dr. Edge, of Chester county replied in fitting terms on behalf of the board. Roll call was next in order. The reading of minutes followed, and on motion they were adopted as published. Note was made of honorary members present, when, "How to build and Maintain Roads," was taken up. Hon. Wm. Gates of Venango county, the first speaker reviewed the construction and history of the public roads of the past, when they were mere bridle paths. Even the present system of construction was deficient as the main object seemed to be to get in a certain amount of work in a given time. "Public roads" is a very large subject, and unwieldy to handle but Mr. Gates got to the end of his in a short time. Some remarks on this subject were made by Dr. Edge and others. The application of the road scraper makes better roads and reduces the taxes, such was the experience of the member from Susquehanna county. The experience of Lancaster and Wayne counties has been entirely satisfactory, and Wayne county would never give up her road scrapers. The discussion on roads was very interesting and instructive and brought out many good points.

The report of the committee on credentials was read and adopted. After the report of the committee on Credentials the road question was again taken up, and thoroughly discussed although there did not seem to be any difference of opinion. Prof. Hamilton, of the State College thought the reason why we have bad roads is that we have bad laws. Michael Meyers, of Benner township, gave a very lucid exposition of his views on public roads. Michael said it took as much evidence to convict a Supervisor of negligence as it did to convict a man of murder. The lawyers protect the Supervisors.

An inquiry into the results of the artificial propagation of food fishes in Chester county, by Dr. Jno. P. Edge, followed. The doctor sent a circular letter to different persons asking their experience in the propagation of fish. The results were not uniform, and showed that the industry is in its infancy. Carp seem to be the most productive but some object that they are very much like the common sucker when taken out of the mud. Bass seem to breed successfully and afford good sport to the angler. Trout have disappeared from Chester county.

Dr. Roland considered the carp the dirtiest fish that he knew of, even worse than the sucker. To raise carp all one needed was a mud hole and a few carp. Col. Shortidge spoke in defense of suckers or rather made a distinction between suckers—some being mud suckers and others being rum suckers. Ducks and geese being very destructive to trout the Col. thought that something ought to be done to protect that fish. Mr. Smith of Wilkes Barre, told the biggest fish story of the day. At one haul 50 years ago 9999 shad were caught at Fish Island. Some of the members wanted to know where the odd fish went. Mr. Smith wanted it under-

stood that he was not telling a regulation fish story but the truth.

Some suggestions on Forestry, by Prof. Buckhout, followed. The paper of the Prof. was very interesting and was strongly argumentative of the preservation of our forests. The denuding of the country of trees produces violent storms of wind and rain. The second growth of a forest is always different from the original growth, pine forests giving place to something else. Twenty-five years ago the Prof. noticed a second growth of a pine forest in the barrens. Those trees are still growing and from his observation he believes them to be about forty years old. The growth of trees is very slow and these trees are a little over eight inches in diameter. He favors the planting of forest trees on our mountain lands which are incapable of cultivation.

"Farming in Centre county" by Clement Dale was the next essay. Farmer Dale, with hay seed in his hair, a turpin in each pocket and a bunch of corn silk sticking out of his pocket as a handkerchief, was introduced and in a well prepared essay spoke of farming in Centre county, not as Judge Furst said from an ancestral standpoint, but from an undoubted practical experience. Farmer Dale arrived at the conclusion that our farm lands are worked out. The essay was very good and showed that our young friend has been working hard on his farm and the splendid ear of corn that protruded from his vest pocket brought a smile of pleasure to every horny handed son of toil in the audience. Mr. Dale's essay was well received.

Farmer D. S. Keller, of the Bellefonte Bar, took up the question of Forestry and said that since the need of planting trees was so great how much greater was the need of preserving the forests that we have. Forests are taxed out of existence, people who own forests are compelled to sell because their timber land is taxed too high, being non-productive lands they could not hold from year to year and pay the taxes on them.

The meeting at half-past twelve, adjourned until 2 p. m.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.** After the opening exercises Joel A. Herr moved a committee be appointed to draft resolutions on the death of two of the members Messrs. Keller and Foresman.

"Tenant Farming" was the subject of an essay by Prof. Hamilton. He said tenant farmers occupy more than one fourth of the farms of the country. The number of persons who can engage in tenant farming are restricted by circumstances, and the man who through his skill and intelligence can command one hundred or one hundred and fifty dollars a month does not think of farming where the returns are far below those figures. Others, through want of means to stock a farm provide machinery seed etc., and live one year before they get any returns, are compelled to seek other pursuits. It costs \$11, to raise and prepare for market, one acre of wheat. The estimated profit on a crop of wheat is 3 per cent; on corn 16 1/2 per cent; hay 400 per cent; potatoes, 150 per cent. The qualities necessary to a good farmer is strong common sense, and a level head. The speaker thought the landlord should lease his farm for a period of not less than five years, when better results will be attained. He also said there was much less to landlord and tenant in grain growing regions from the raising or grazing of cattle. We cannot follow Mr. Hamilton in his essay, but many new ideas were advanced by him. There should be a joint partnership between the landlord and tenant and each should bear his proportion of losses and share the gains. Farms as a rule are too large to be successfully managed. Farms of two hundred acres should be divided up into 50 acre farms and the cost of farm buildings reduced. The paper of Prof. Hamilton was one of the best prepared of those read and showed much original research and a practical acquaintance with his subject. His paper was listened to with marked attention.

Farmer Humes, of the First National Bank, unfortunately in early life invested considerable money in farms, and a few more in after years; has leased all his farms and now raises hay; although after a careful scrutiny we could see none of the seeds in his hair. He bales his hay and sells it in other markets. Mr. Humes was closely cross examined by the farmers present as to the profits on baled hay, and as to how he kept up the fertility of his farms.

Hon. Samuel Gilliland has had some experience in farming. He seeded a fifteen acre field in wheat and sowed some clover seed. The next year he sowed broad-cast one bushel and a half of timothy seed, since that time he has cut two, two and a half and three tons of hay per acre, and this year expects to cut three and a half tons.

Hon. C. C. Musselman of Sommeret was introduced and handled his subject "Home fertilizers vs. Commercial fertilizers" without gloves. He showed that according to the annual report of the State Board of Agriculture, there were 478 different brands of "Commercial fertilizers" reported, that this number had been run up in round numbers to 500; that 2 of these fertilizers sold away beyond their commercial value at all, some of

them selling for as high as \$15 per ton, the actual value of their material being given at 25, 32 and 86 cents, another selling at 45 dollars, the actual value of which was \$6.16. Many others were in the same condition and farmers were annually being swindled to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars. The speaker exhibited little vials of high sounding frauds put upon the farmer as fertilizers which were without any value. He likened one of them to the bait used by boys to trap foxes and which is known by the name of asafetida. This thing entrapped both the fox and the boy as it was a word to knock a boy down with at a spelling school. An actual comparison of home fertilizers with the commercial article always resulted in the complete discomfiture of the commercial article. Even the analysis of commercial fertilizers could not be relied upon by the farmer. There were and are some good commercial articles but the farmer does not know when he is getting them. The best of these are too high in price and the worst are dear as a gift. Bone is an excellent fertilizer. If you could be assured that the hieroglyphics on the outside told the truth as to the contents, it would be all right. Farmers should utilize every bone on the farm, but should "beware of the leaven of the Pharisees." Beware of acid phosphates. We cannot follow Mr. Musselman in his address but it was a masterly arraignment backed up by figures and practical experience as a farmer of those engaged in the whole sale swindle of farmers in the direction of fertilizers. The experience of many Centre county farmers will bear out the gentleman in his statements. While some commercial fertilizers may force one crop they leave the land impoverished for the next. Home fertilizers are safe, sure and within the reach of every farmer. Lime has stood the test of ages, and when used judiciously will produce the desired results. Judge Musselman is a plainspoken farmer earnest intelligent and well looked on his subject.

He finished his essay at 4 o'clock, the hour at which we go to press, consequently we cannot give a synopsis of the criticisms and discussions which followed, but which will appear next week.

**PERSONAL.** J. C. Derr, auctioneer, went to Clearfield Saturday. T. T. Abrams Esq., of Lock Haven, was in town Friday. Wm. Tibbens, a staunch Democrat from College township was in Bellefonte Tuesday. Mrs. Sallie Whitman, of near Clintondale, Clinton county, is visiting in Bellefonte, and is the guest of Mrs. E. J. Swavely.

Mr. Wash Ward, of Pine Grove, favored our office with a call on Friday. He is a pleasant gentleman and a welcome caller.

Governor and Mrs. Beaver arrived in Bellefonte Friday evening. Mrs. Beaver expects to spend several months at the family residence here.

Mr. Franklin Confer, of Howard, was a pleasant caller at our office on Saturday. Mr. C. is one of Howard's most successful farmers, and withal a sterling gentleman.

Jonathan Walker, of Wolf's Store, was a caller at our office on Friday. Mr. Walker reports that the prospects for good crops in that end of the county is very encouraging.

We are pained to learn of the illness of Col. S. T. Shugert. Mr. Shugert was taken suddenly sick on Saturday, but the nature of his disease is unknown to us. We trust he may speedily recover.

J. C. Meyer, Esq., and wife returned to Bellefonte on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer will begin housekeeping in the residence on Bishop street lately occupied by Theodore Gordon, and which has been fitted up ready for their immediate occupancy.

Mr. Clevan Dinges has opened his insurance office in Harris' block, where he will be pleased to see all his friends and acquaintances. Mr. Dinges occupies the room in which the DEMOCRAT office was formerly located and has it neatly furnished, making it an excellent place of business.

A. B. Herd of Philipsburg, adds his name to the list of candidates for Register. Mr. Herd is a very fine Penman and thoroughly competent to fill the position. He is a young and deserving Democrat and will have the heartiest endorsement of his section of the county. The man who gets away with Mr. Herd will have to work.

Children's Day will be observed in Bellefonte on next Sunday. The occasion will be one of interest, as, elaborate preparations are being made by both the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations. The *News* is our authority for stating that Governor Beaver will be in attendance at the services in the in the Presbyterian church.

On Thursday afternoon while one of the hostlers at the Round house was running an engine into the building the iron monster became unmanageable, and coming in contact with the rear wall, plowed its way through, only stopping after it had emerged about ten feet from the building. Of course the wall was a wreck, but not much damage was sustained by the engine.