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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.

-Bridges at Jacob's. -Mariusch will exhibit at Milesburg, on the 24th inst.

-The Logan Hose Company will celebrate the Fourth at Milton this year.

-The space in front of the jail is being re-fenced, which will greatly improve that unsightly spot.

-The employes of the Bellefonte Nail Works received their pay last Saturday. About \$12,000 was disbursed.

-The new summer uniforms have been received by the policemen. A white stripe ornaments the pantaloons.

-There is some talk of building a Masonic Temple at Philipsburg, the material used to be stone, and the cost \$25,000.

-An unusually large number of people were in town on Saturday, and the principal streets presented a lively appearance.

-The game of base ball on Saturday between a Bellefonte nine and the State College nine, resulted in favor of the latter, the score being 21 to 16.

-Don't forget the game of base ball on Saturday. The printers will play the tailors and cigar makers, and a lively game is expected. Game at 4 o'clock.

-B. K. Jamison and party were in Bellefonte on Wednesday, presumably to settle the difficulty existing between employer and employes at the Valentines works.

-The festival held in the Y. M. C. A. Rooms Friday and Saturday evenings was a success, both as to the excellence of the refreshments and the number in attendance.

-The Republican county convention will be held on July 19th. We don't see any use of that party nominating candidates for they won't even stand a little chance this fall.

-The name of A. J. Grist appears in the announcement column as a candidate for Commissioner. He needs no introduction or eulogy at our hands. Jack's hat is off.

-The galvanized iron cornice on the Garman Hotel adds wonderfully to the appearance of that building. It was placed in position and fitted by Henry Houpt, and a good job made of it.

-Theodore Deschner on Monday evening presented Camp Breeze, Sons of Veterans, with a handsome flag. The gift was highly appreciated and a vote of thanks was tendered the donor.

-Owing to the fact that the wife of Dietrich Lamade, (manager of Grit's) is still in a delicate condition, Judge Furst on Monday again suspended sentence upon Mr. Lamade, and he gave bonds for his appearance at the August term of court.

-Mrs. Frances Moore died at Mis-soula, Mon., last week, the cause of her death being consumption. The deceased was formerly Miss McCuen, and was married in this county about one year ago departing immediately thereafter for the west. She was an aunt to Mr. Thos. Moore, the gentlemanly assistant in F. P. Blair's jewelry store.

-It is amusing to note the efforts made by the Republican organs of this place to gain the favor of Commissioner Henderson. The up-town paper was the Commissioner's choice; but he had not back-bone enough to stick to it, and the other paper got the plum. The effort on the part of the one is to regain Mr. Henderson's favor, while that of the other is to hold what it now has, and in the mean time they are making laughing stock of themselves.

-A Sternberg of the North ward of Bellefonte is announced as a candidate for Recorder. Sternberg is in earnest and is the last candidate announced for that office. According to Scripture our Lord stands a good chance. "The last shall be first." Mr. Sternberg has been a hardworking earnest democrat all his life and has spent much time and money for the party. Don't forget Mr. Sternberg when you are considering the candidate for Recorder.

-Miss S. Alice Fall daughter of J. N. Hall, of Howard and George R. Stiffler, of Blair county, were the high contracting parties in a pleasant affair at Howard last Thursday. Rev. J. A. Sell of Blair county, repeated the magic words which made them as one, and the guests added to the pleasantness of the affair by showering congratulations and presents upon the bride and groom. The bride is an amiable and accomplished young lady, and the groom, besides being a thorough gentleman is an Auditor in the county he represents. The Democrat tenders its congratulations.

-The Bigler campmeeting will this year commence August 19th and continue over the two Sundays following.

-The grounds of the Reformed church has been sodded and a handsome new fence placed around the structure.

-New York and Philadelphia capitalists intend starting the Huntingdon Car works within the next sixty days. The works have been idle since 1883.

-We regret to learn of the serious illness of Mrs. Noah Musser of near Fillmore, and trust the good lady may again recover and preside over that happy home as of old.

-The Republican State Convention will be held in the Opera House, Harrisburg, on Wednesday, August 17th, for the purpose of nominating its candidates for State offices.

-The base ball game announced to be played last Saturday, did not come off, owing to some of the players in the Bellefonte club being unable to absent themselves from their duties.

-Rev. Edmund C. Baird died suddenly at his home in Central City, Nebraska, on the 1st inst., aged 41 years. Deceased was a minister of ability and was a son of William Baird of Milesburg.

-We call attention to the advertisement of Frank O. Cunningham, investment broker, Peoria, Ill., who buys and sells bonds stocks, commercial paper, and securities of all kinds. His references are first-class and those who have any dealings in that line will do well to write him.

-On the 5th instant, at the residence of John Wolf, by the Rev. E. Lemhart, John W. Harter, of Rebersburg, was united in marriage to Miss Ida Wolf, of Centre Mills. The bride is the daughter of Commissioner Wolf, and is an estimable lady, and will gracefully preside over their new home. The happy couple have the congratulations of the Democrat.

-The Bellefonte Knights of Labor propose holding a picnic on a grand scale on the Fourth, and have extended invitations to numerous other organizations. 2333, if it so desires, can hold a creditable picnic, as it has members capable of successfully conducting such an affair, and it will break the monotony of an otherwise dull fourth. We trust it may be a success.

-The latest postal laws are such that newspaper publishers can have any one arrested for fraud who takes a paper and refuses to pay for it. Under this law the man who allows his subscription to run along for some time unpaid, and then orders it discontinued or orders the postmaster to mark it "refused," and to send a postal card notifying the publishers, lays himself liable to arrest and fine, as for theft, etc.

-An important transfer of property has taken place within the past week, Gen. Hastings having purchased the beautiful property on the corner of Allegherey and Lamb streets owned by the Messrs. Lane. The property is a valuable one \$10,500 having been paid for it at the time the Lanes made the purchase. As a part of the consideration in the latter sale, Mr. Hastings transfers his residence on Linn street, which will be occupied by Mr. John Lane and wife. Mrs. Martha Lane will go to Lancaster, Pa., and possession will be given to the Gen. about the 15th of July.

-William Bartley, son of David Bartley of this place, after some weeks of anxious waiting and through the aid of some of his friends has secured from Senator W. W. Betts, the senatorial scholarship, entitling him to enter Penn. State College and graduate free of cost, except his board and incidental expenses. William graduated with high honors from the high school a month or so since. He is a bright and intelligent young man, and if given a fair chance will no doubt write his name on the topmost rung in the ladder of fame.

-The Grangers picnic and exhibition on the top of Nittany mountain, to be held about the 15th of September promises to be an important affair this year. It will last two days, and for the convenience of those attending, tents have been secured from Williams Grove. The articles to be placed on exhibition are numerous and valuable, and it is quite likely views from the battlefield of Gettysburg will be displayed free of charge. All are invited to exhibit their productions. Gov. Beaver is expected to be present and deliver an address.

-The two houses in course of erection by John C. Miller on North Allegheny street below Gov. Beaver's residence are fast approaching completion, and when finished will add greatly to that part of town as well as being convenient for those who will occupy them. John is a live energetic citizen and desires to have a hand in the great boom our town is just having. He is thereby laying a foundation upon which to accumulate a vast fortune, and no doubt as the stone that gathers the moss continues to roll he will build a monument in our midst that will be an honor to him and to his offspring. We suggest a Y. M. C. A. building with all modern improvements.

-STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY-Continued from last week.-The essay on Commercial fertilizers on suggestion of Hon. Jno. A. Woodward followed Judge Musselman's essay on Home made fertilizers. Mr. Hickman is well versed in Commercial fertilizers and had his lecture well in hand, as his essay was prepared before hand and with reference specially to the subject assigned it was not an answer to Judge Musselman's attack on fraudulent fertilizers. To a disinterested observer there appears to be a ring of some kind connected with the State Board which seems more anxious to advocate the use of fertilizers than to detect and expose those which are fraudulent. Judge Musselman made a bold and energetic attack on the worthless so-called fertilizers whose commercial value was from 29 to 86 cents per ton but which were selling at any place from 15 to \$25 per ton. Against the Judge were pitted at different times practical chemists and men whose business it was to analyze fertilizers. The whole drift of the discussion seemed to be in the direction of sustaining all Commercial fertilizers good, bad or indifferent. The amount of plant food contained in a ton of commercial fertilizer is in the proportion of perhaps two parts in 100. Then why should they pay such exorbitant prices for 90 parts of worthless matter? We believe with Judge Musselman that the farmers are being swindled out of millions of dollars each year in the matter of fertilizers alone, there can be no objection filed to the application of the discoveries of chemistry to practical farming and a genuine commercial fertilizer is doubtless one of the greatest aids to agriculture, and much testimony was produced in its favor, and just here occurs a thought to us as a "chin" farmer. Would it not be a good idea for the agricultural chemists connected with the State Board Agriculture, with the Penn. State College and with every institution of learning conversant with the science of agriculture to give to the farmers of the country formulas for manufacture on the farm, and by the farmer, of commercial fertilizers?

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

By invitation Gov. Curtin addressed the audience. The Gov's speech was in his usual happy vein and in pleasant contrast to the dry details of an essay on phosphates and fertilizers of different kinds. He was not a farmer and never was, knew nothing about the artificial stimulating of land which had been wisely discussed during the day. He had a profound respect for the calling of the farmer. He went back to sacred history and spoke of the covenant made between Abram and Lot concerning their land and flocks. Of the high esteem in which the calling of the farmer was held when Greece and Rome were in their glory. He spoke of Cincinnatus being called from the plow three times to save Rome. In the agriculture or farming classes of our country it is to be found its bulwark of strength. Throughout his entire speech ran a vein of humor which left the audience in a constant state of effervescence. After Gov. Curtin's talk Dr. Henry Lefman lectured on adulterations, his subject being illustrated by magic lantern pictures of microscopic views.

On Thursday morning at 9 o'clock the board with a number of invited guests and representatives of the press boarded a special train on the B. & E. railroad for the College. The trip was delightful and the road runs romantic, the railroad officials courteous and attentive. At the College station we found Superintendent Patterson of the College farm, with carriages and hacks to convey the visitors to the college. After all were comfortably seated Mr. Patterson gave the word of command and the line of march taken up, arriving a few minutes later in front of the big buildings. President Atherton and the members of the faculty who were not engaged in the class-rooms warmly received the party which on the invitation of the President assembled in the chapel.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

President Atherton then in a few well chosen words of welcome made the visitors feel at home.

The Dr. outlined the different courses of study spoke of the struggles of the college in the past and its hopes for the future. The freedom of the College was extended to the visitors and every department of College work was practically illustrated. The programme suggested by the Dr. was adopted. The visitors were driven over the farm in carriages and every thing in connection with it fully and clearly explained. The Laboratories, Mechanical Drawing-rooms, Libraries, Society Halls, Class-rooms and Departments of Mechanic Arts were visited and the practical works and results of each shown. The visitors were emphatic in their approval of the workings of the College in all its departments and in the department of mechanic arts saw specimens of wood and iron work that could not be excelled in many of the

best work shops of the country and all the work of students. At 1:15 the great bell in the cupola called the hungry throng to dinner. Right here we would like to draw the veil of oblivion, blot out from the memory of every visitor all recollection of the great fast. For the honor and hospitality of our county we will say it was a feast prepared for the imagination and a fast for the stomach. It cost the visitors \$1.25 per head but some how or other we got through on a dollar. The pictures of the President's house, one placed at each plate, were pretty, the paper napkins with the legend "Hotel Lancaster" were gorgeous. After feasting our imaginations and fasting our stomachs the repast was over. The bill of fare began with pictures and ended with paper napkins. After gazing on the beautiful wood-cuts and wiping their mouths with "Hotel de Lancaster" paper napkins, many of the visitors went to the stores in the village and bought something to eat, others went out under the trees or back of the building and picked the paper out of their teeth. Financially the dinner must have been a success, as an appetizer for supper it was perfect.

Oh! shades of royal Belshazzar could you have but seen the agony pictured on the faces of the victims as they arose from the bountiful repast of the imagination, could you have heard the angry roar of confined gasses in cavernous stomachs, could you have felt the thread like pulse of emaciated men and women, could you have seen the infinitesimal pieces into which the solitary lobster that provided the salad for 80 or 100 people, was divided you had never given an expensive feast to make you immortal. Nay you would have fasted your guests and saved money.

Eulogies were pronounced on two deceased members. The feature of the afternoon entertainment after the thorough inspection of the different departments was the dress parade and battalion drill of the College cadets, about eighty in number under the command of Lieutenant Pague of the U. S. Army, who is commandant at the College. The boys have under his careful instruction reached a high state of proficiency and to a green horn like ourselves their drilling seemed almost perfect. It is a grand feature of College instruction and the visitors were much pleased with it. At 5:40 the carriages again appeared and after many handshakes and pleasant farewells the party left pleased with their trip, with the institution, its works its president and faculty. At 7 o'clock Bellefonte was reached and in the evening the Board adjourned after listening to a lecture by Prof. Osmond. Dr. Hale the member from Centre was untiring in his efforts to entertain his guests and he succeeded.

OBITUARY.-Mrs. Elizabeth Bible, whose death occurred on Tuesday the 7th inst., was the wife of William Bible, Sr., of near Centre Hall, this county. Her maiden name was Bitner and although born in Dauphin county, she has been a resident of Centre county most all of her life. Mother Bible as she was familiarly called, received a severe shock of apoplexy about eight years ago, from the effects of which she never recovered, and since that time has been an invalid and a constant sufferer. She bore her affliction with that Christian forbearance which characterized her entire life. At an early age she became a member of the Reformed church and remained a conscientious and God-fearing Christian all her life.

Not only was she true and obedient to all the teachings of the church but her life was truly Christ-like. Her generosity knew no bounds, for the doors of her house were ever open to the homeless and friendless and her heart always willing to receive them.

The tired and hungry were always generously fed and cared for, and she was truly a mother to many a poor boy, who made his home with the family.

At the day of her death, her age was 76 years, 6 months and 21 days. She leaves a faithful and devoted husband, three daughters, two of whom were ever her constant attendants through all her declining years. Her oldest and only son was killed in the late war. The funeral occurred on Saturday morning, the 11th inst., at Centre Hall, and was very largely attended. Rev. Land, pastor of the Reformed church, preached the funeral sermon.

She rests from the care, the toil and the strife, And is blessed with the joys of eternal life; She fought the fight assigned to this life, And dwells in the glorified haven of light.

-Daily News.

-The sudden death of Agnew Sellers occurred at his home a short distance from Fillmore on Friday evening. Mr. Sellers was in Bellefonte Friday, and was apparently enjoying his usual good health. He greeted his friends in a lively manner, and attended to business in his usual energetic style. Returning home he ate a hearty supper, attended to the duties of his farm and returned to the house. Shortly afterward he complained of pain in the body, and said he would go up stairs and lie down awhile. In the course of a half hour one of the mem-

bers of the household visited the room to render any aid the old gentleman might need, but the hand of death had touched its victim and at that moment life left its tenement of clay, and the soul of Agnew Sellers took its flight to the realms above. Deceased was in his seventy fifth year. He was born in this county, in the vicinity of Fillmore and has lived there all his life. He was a good neighbor, always ready to assist the needy, and his devotion to his wife who has been confined to the sick bed for many years and whom it is feared will suffer evil effects from this blow, was often remarked. Whatever he undertook he pushed with a vigor that made success sure. His neighbors and friends-and everybody who knew him was his friend-held him in high esteem, and all sincerely mourn his death. A wife and four children survive him. The children are Mat. Sellers and Mrs. Berj. Way, of Fillmore, Mrs. Musser, of Rock Hill, and Mrs. Dr. McIntire, of Mill Hill, Clinton county. Heart disease was the cause of death.

-Scarce six months ago, at an early hour in the morning, we noticed a happy wedding party enter the Roman Catholic church here. Last Saturday morning, also at an early hour a funeral cortege entered the same church and we could hardly believe the body then being tenderly borne into the sacred edifice was that of the happy bride of a few months ago. Yet such was the case. Last Wednesday word was received here of the sudden death at her home in York, Pa., of Mrs. Joseph Wise, the cause of which was paralysis of the brain. Mrs. Wise was the daughter of Daniel O'Leary, and her remains were brought here on Thursday for interment, the funeral occurring on Saturday morning. A very large number of friends followed the remains to their last resting place in the beautiful cemetery on east of Bishop street. Deceased was a most excellent lady, and that she should be so soon separated from her loving husband is a sad blow, and hard to bear. We sincerely sympathize with the bereaved family and husband, and trust they may find comfort from the fact that in the near future there will be a reunion, where parting will be no more.

-COMMENCEMENT-The commencement exercises of the Lock Haven State Normal School will take place next week, the program being as follows:

Baccalaureate sermon, Trinity M. E. church, Sunday evening, June 19, at 8 o'clock. Alumni Literary Exercises, Normal chapel Tuesday evening, June 21, at 8 o'clock. Junior Class-Day, Normal chapel, Monday evening June 22 at 9 o'clock. Contest Literary Societies, Normal chapel, Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock. Commencement, Normal chapel, Thursday morning June 23, at 9 o'clock. Graduates Reception, Thursday evening in Normal chapel, at 9 o'clock. Commencement Concert, Normal chapel, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend. Exercises will begin promptly at the above times. Researe Seats for contest commencement and concert for sale at gatterlee's and at Book-room on and after Monday June 20. GEO. P. BEARD, Principal.

-Mr. Clyde Wetzel, son of John Wetzel, who left here several months ago, to locate somewhere in the west, has permanently settled in Washington county, Colorado. Clyde has always had a love for farming and we now learn that he has taken up a homestead claim (160 acres) and built thereon a little house, purchased the necessary stock, and will hereafter devote his time cultivating the same. His claim is located about eight mile east of Akron, in a lovely country. To still further his interest, he also took what is called a tree claim, (160 acres) and should be, within five years plant a certain number of trees the property becomes his. The latter claim is located about ten miles west of Akron. The west is rapidly growing, and we doubt not but in a few years Clyde will own valuable property in the centre of a thriving town. We congratulate the young man in making his sensible move, and trust that his success may reach beyond his expectations.

-On last Thursday evening the Lutheran society which meets monthly met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Musser, on Bishop street. Although the evening was warm, a large number of their friends gathered to have a good social time, and they were not disappointed for all seemed to be enjoying themselves in various ways. During the evening refreshments were served which consisted of ice cream, cake, oranges and bananas. Several visitors from Pine Grove and Boalsburg were in attendance and joined merrily in the festivities of the occasion.

-One crew of men in Clearfield county chopped down 1500 trees and pulled the bark off them amounting to 300,000 tons.-Reporter.

Way off, Freddie, you ought to have more trees or fewer tons, as that would be almost 200 tons of bark to a tree. However the trees might have been very large ones.

Personal.

Dr. Hensel of Howard was in town Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Heilman on east Curtin street is entertaining friends from a distance.

Miss Clara Albert, who was injured at Kittanning Point last month, is now at the residence of Isaac Haupt. The lady's condition does not improve rapidly.

Miss Lilian Aikens, daughter of J. A. Aikens graduated from the Mountain Seminary at Birmingham last week. Miss Mamie Kimball, a room mate of Miss Aikens, is spending a few days at the Aikens residence.

Elliott P. Whitney, Esq., of Philadelphia, an old schoolmate of the senior editor of the Democrat, was in town Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Whitney is traveling for the Lovell publishing Co. He and Mr. Bible had not met before in twenty years.

Master John J. Bower son of C. M. Bower, Esq., will accept thanks of the editor for a bouquet, received Thursday. It was composed of roses, of various kinds and hues, neatly arranged and very handsome, the fragrance creating an oasis, in the desert of newspaper life.

Prof. F. C. Houtz, a member of the faculty of the Missionary Institute at Selinsgrove, will spend the summer months at that beautiful country town, Lemont. The Prof. was formerly from this county, and has many friends who will be glad to know he is a valued acquisition to the institution he represents.

C. M. Bower Esq., departed on Monday for New Berlin, Pa., where he delivered the address before the Alumni Association of the New Berlin College. Mr. Bower is a polished and fluent speaker of easy and graceful manners on the rostrum, and we are confident his hearers were delighted with his choice and instructive remarks.

-The inconsistency of the Sunday newspapers was clearly demonstrated last week, when they made reference to the Showers affair in Lebanon county. The old man is accused of murdering his two grand-children. Excitement runs high, and a mob was formed which proceeded to the jail, with the intention of lynching the prisoner. The feeling against the old man in that county is very strong, yet the Harrisburg Telegraph, the publication which howled the most and kicked the hardest about Centre county justice, comes out in a two column article and demands an immediate trial and conviction, and intimates that if a continuance is granted an outraged public will dangle the accused from a lamp post. All the Sunday papers are earnest in their advocacy of an immediate trial. In the case of the Grit the reverse. But, you know, the other ox is gored.

-LAFAYETTE COMMENCEMENT.-The commencement exercises of Lafayette College will be held on the 26-30th inst., beginning with the farewell address to the graduating class, which numbers 45 members, by President Knox, and a sermon to the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday, by Prof. McClelland, of Allegheny Theological Seminary. For the Class day festivities on Monday the Germania Orchestra of Philadelphia, has been secured.

The alumni will be addressed on Tuesday by Rev. Reuben Thomas, of Brookline, Mass. who always draws a full house when he speaks in Boston, and by Judge Everett, of Chicago, and the annual contest for prizes in Athletics and the mock "cremation of Calculus" are features in student life.

Wednesday, the 29th, is Commencement Day, when speeches and a dinner are in order, and some more speeches and a Levee in the evening.

"Orders" for reduced railroad fare from all points north of Washington and east of Pittsburg, can be had by addressing the Secretary of the College.

-We publish the following by request of a subscriber, and are not in any way responsible for the theological question involved. Our columns are open to any who desire to answer the question but we don't care to have the controversy extend through the present century. As long as men are not of the same mind there will be different views on it:

Does the new testament scriptures teach the doctrine, that sprinkling a few drops of water on an infant's forehead, is christian baptism? Will some one of the Rev. gentlemen of Bellefonte who practice infant sprinkling as christian baptism, be kind enough to answer the above question, and thus confer a great favor upon an anxious inquirer after the truth. Please give chapter and verse. J. T. H.

-Last evening at half-past seven o'clock James A. McCafferty and Miss Mary J. Howley, both of this place, were married in the Roman Catholic church, Rev. Father McArdle officiating. We extend our congratulations to the happy couple.

-The lot offered by Daniel Fielder to the Presbyterian congregation at Centre Hall, has been accepted and a building committee will be appointed. It is proposed to build a handsome edifice there.